

# MELBOURNE

YOUR CITY OF MELBOURNE MAGAZINE

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## SECRET SPACES UNDER LOCKDOWN

SEE STUNNING SNAPS FROM OUR DIGITAL TIME CAPSULE

## WHAT'S NEW IN YOUR CITY

REDISCOVER MELBOURNE AS WE INNOVATE AND EVOLVE

## SUMMER OF MUSIC

EXPERIENCE LIVE, LOCAL AND DOG-FRIENDLY GIGS

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**Cover:** Caitlin De Klijin amid florals by Liz Ricci from Flower Temple during the recent Urban Blooms festival. Outfit by Kuwaii. Photo by Ray Reyes.

## LORD MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Lord Mayor Sally Capp with artist Katie Pearson at the launch of Melbourne Music Week-Extended

**Melbourne has endured a devastating and distressing year, but our resilience and sense of community helped us beat COVID-19 and begin our economic recovery.**

After months of being locked down, our city streets are coming back to life with workers returning to the office, restaurants and cafes spilling out on to streets and laneways and events coming back to the city in COVID-safe ways.

Our focus at the City of Melbourne is now turned to economic and social recovery and revitalising the city we love.

Together with the Victorian Government, we established a joint \$100 million Melbourne City Recovery Fund that is being used to invest in delivering events, supporting businesses to become COVID-safe and infrastructure projects to make the city more safe, accessible and sustainable.

The City of Melbourne is also continuing to provide one-on-one support to businesses through our Business Concierge service.

We are seeing green shoots as our economic recovery starts but we know there is much more work that needs to be done. The only way to sustain this recovery is through consistent effort and cooperation.

While prioritising the COVID-19 response and recovery throughout most of the year, we also delivered long-term strategic pieces of work such as the Affordable Housing Strategy and the Hoddle Grid Heritage Review.

Our new Council team was recently sworn in after the local government elections. The diversity of skills and experience of all councillors will be a huge asset to the City of Melbourne as we focus on delivering our commitments to the community.

We all understand the enormous challenges our city faces at this time and we will work tirelessly to ensure Melbourne remains marvellous.

I feel confident that after all the disruption we've faced, we can look forward to more stability in 2021.

Read on through this edition of *Melbourne* magazine to meet community champions and explore some of the many things we have to look forward to in the coming months.

I look forward to seeing you back in our wonderful city.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp

The City of Melbourne respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land, the Boon Wurrung and Woiwurrung (Wurundjeri) peoples of the Kulin Nation and pays respect to their Elders, past and present. For the Kulin Nation, Melbourne has always been an important meeting place for events of social, educational, sporting and cultural significance. Today we are proud to say that Melbourne is a significant gathering place for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Outdoor dining at Bar Americano

Photo: Ray Reyes @rayofmelbourne

# REDISCOVER YOUR CITY AS MELBOURNE REOPENS

## Melbourne is open for business, shopping, dining, exploration and, of course, coffee.

We've missed you, and while you've been staying safe at home, we've been supporting local businesses and creating a captivating Melbourne for residents to enjoy and visitors to return to.

Whether it's picnicking in our heritage parks, criss-crossing the bluestones to find the ultimate laneway restaurant, or hunting for the quintessential Melbourne-designed must-have, it's time to rediscover your city.

Here are just a few things to look forward to in summer and beyond.

### 1 Ride your bike in style

We're installing more than 40 kilometres of new protected bike lanes to help you get into the city quickly, safely and sustainably.

### 2 Explore little streets

Our iconic 'little streets' – like Little Collins and Little Bourke – are being transformed into safe and vibrant shared zones for all. Look out for bespoke stencils and colourful paint showing that pedestrians have right of way and speed limits are reduced.

### 3 Dine outdoors

Melbourne's beloved restaurants, cafes and bars have thrown open their doors, creating open-air dining experiences in laneways, parking spaces, footpaths and parks.

### 4 Wander through creative laneways

Forty of Melbourne's historic laneways are being transformed through lighting and creative installations, thanks to a team of production and graphic designers, music producers, lighting specialists, technicians and maintenance workers.

### 5 Attend innovative events

From Melbourne Music Week-Extended to Moomba, our artists and producers are working to deliver a calendar of events that will celebrate our city's resilience, curiosity and creativity. Find out more in our events calendar on page eight or visit [whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au](http://whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au)

### 6 Discover talented buskers

Our beloved Melbourne buskers are back and ready to entertain you from Bourke Street to Southbank and everywhere in between. Sing along and tip generously.

### 7 Watch your step

Our revamped laneways, bike lanes, shared zones and outdoor dining areas mean the landscape of the city has changed. We'll be updating our lane closure information and mobility maps, but please be mindful that traffic conditions on roads and footpaths may be different to the last time you visited the city.



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An urban oasis at Bar Lourinha

## YOUR SAY


### LETTER OF THE MONTH

'The call I received from your Business Concierge team was completely unexpected and really meant something. It was to make sure we were aware of both State and Federal assistance available to impacted businesses. The call was so welcome and really kind, thank you.' **Business owner**

Share your thoughts with us at [melbournemag@melbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:melbournemag@melbourne.vic.gov.au)

 Congratulations Professor Doug Hilton @WEHI\_Director - 2020 Melburnian of the Year! A wonderful reflection of the important role medical research plays in the Melbourne community. @WEHI\_research

 Congratulations to RMH's Dr Martin Dutch who has won the Digital Innovation Champion at the @cityofmelbourne #MelbourneAwards today! Always humble, Martin assures us that this is a team effort. @TheRMH

 @cityofmelbourne came out on top as the Renewable Energy award winner for the huge emissions reduction impact of its Melbourne Renewable Energy Project 2. The project united a buying group of 7 large energy users from across the city to collectively buy renewable energy. @CPP\_Au



 We're thrilled to be one of 32 organisations receiving multi-year funding through @cityofmelbourne's Arts and Creative Investment Partnership Program from 2021 onwards. Thank you City of Melbourne, and congratulations to all arts organisations who also received support. @ChunkyMove



#### What items can I recycle?

Learn what goes in your bins, how to recycle mindfully, and how to reduce food waste with a discounted home composting system or bokashi bin at [melbourne.vic.gov.au/waste](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/waste)

#### CONNECT WITH US

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### COLOURS OF COUNTRY

Explore our 'little streets' to discover new painted graphics that depict indigenous flora and fauna, including tea trees, fairy wrens, native bees and microbats.

These artworks were designed to remind us of the Hoddle Grid's incredibly biodiverse pre-colonial landscapes of grassy woodland ecosystems, which were expertly managed by Aboriginal people to provide food and resources.

To find out more about how our little streets are changing, visit [melbourne.vic.gov.au/littlestreets](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/littlestreets)

### TOWN HALL REIMAGINED FOR THE PEOPLE

Immerse yourself in the history of the Eastern Kulin Nation and have your say on the future of our city at Melbourne Town Hall's new democratic meeting place.

Our ground-floor space now features an updated customer service centre, interactive digital displays, a refreshed City Gallery, contemporary Aboriginal artwork and historical photographs.

The new design also creates a more accessible meeting space for our Future Melbourne Committee, advisory groups and other public decision-making forums.



# HOSPITALITY CO-OP FINDS STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

## Book a table at a local restaurant to show your support to hospitality businesses and workers as they innovate and evolve following a challenging 2020.

In September, the City of Melbourne and the Victorian Government announced a landmark \$100 million Melbourne City Recovery Fund to reactivate the central city as businesses progressed towards a COVID-safe reopening.

One of the grant recipients was South Wharf restaurant BangPop, which used the funding to put in place outdoor dining infrastructure and develop activations to entice customers back.

During lockdown, BangPop also moved its Thai cooking classes online and created an ecommerce hub to help promote a co-op of local businesses.

The restaurants include Meat Market South Wharf, Plus 5 cocktail bar, Henry and the Fox and The Common Man.

Area manager Sam Shaw said the alliance worked together to 'pivot to keep the dream alive'.

'Our teams joined forces to bring you something a little different from other COVID-19 hospitality pivots by providing online experiences including all equipment and ingredients delivered to your door,' said Sam.

'We saw that there was a need for people to connect to others throughout the lockdown

and much of what was missed during this time was interaction, which is an important part of the hospitality experience.

'We sought to fill this need and found great success and a way to stay in touch with our customers (and find some new ones) through a tough time for everyone.'

**'The learning from 2020 is that we are much stronger working together and through this we can get through anything.'**

Sam said the mental health of staff and the uncertainty around financial wellbeing presented great challenges for the hospitality industry during the pandemic.

'At the time of the first lockdown, hospitality staff had no information on financial aid so we were going blind into uncharted territory and it took its toll on all of us,' Sam said.

'Through resilience and working together, plus the added support of the government and the City of Melbourne, we were able to keep people engaged, which had a positive effect on their mental state.

'The learning from 2020 is that we are much stronger working together and through this we can get through anything.'

Looking to the future, Sam believes the hospitality industry will continue to innovate, with an increased focus on local products and produce.

'The obvious shortage of qualified staff for the hospitality industry, which relied so heavily on international workers, means the industry will need to further embrace technology,' Sam said.

'Through this, the usual roles of workers will change and we will see an uplift in local people seeing the industry as a viable career rather than just a means to an end.'



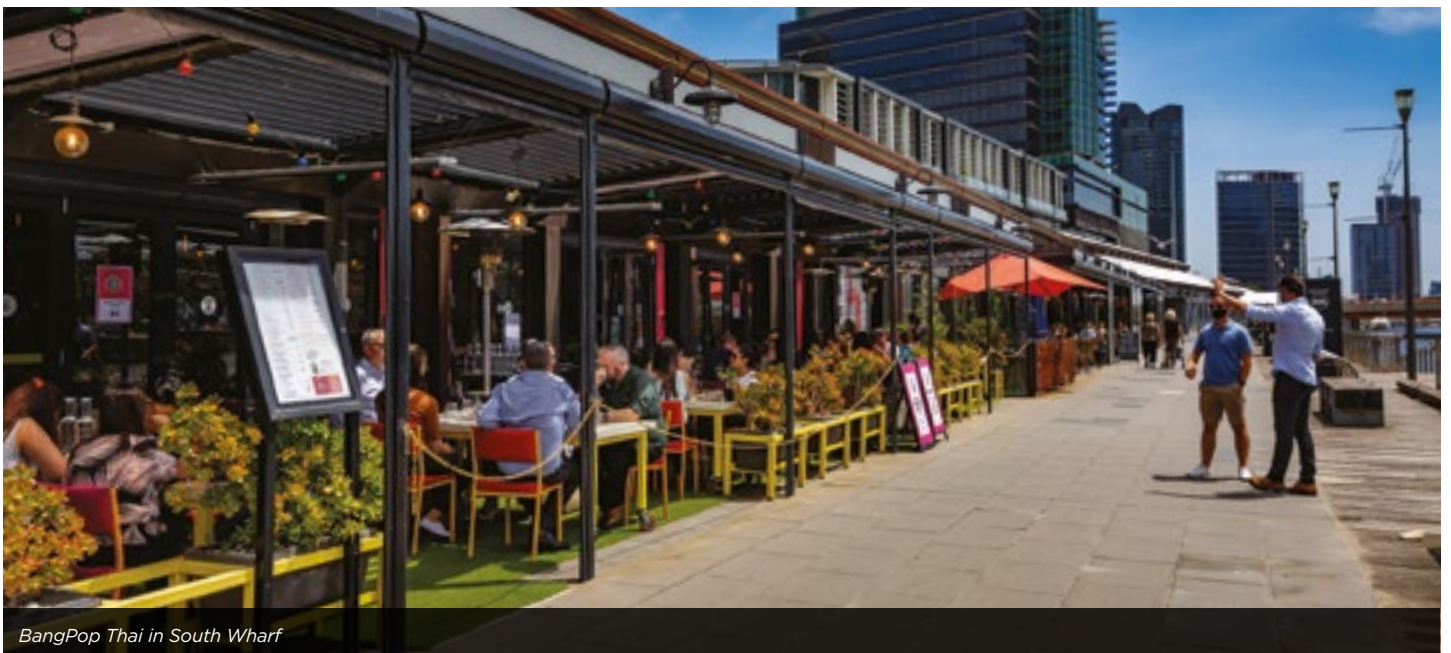
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## SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES

Local businesses, services and organisations are the lifeblood of Melbourne, and our support for them is multi-layered and ongoing.

Visit [melbourne.vic.gov.au/business](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/business) to subscribe to the Business in Melbourne newsletter and explore the help on offer, including grants, rate relief, marketing support and free outdoor dining permits.

For one-on-one advice, call our dedicated Business Concierge Service on 9658 9658 (press 1 for business), or enquire online at the above website.



BangPop Thai in South Wharf



# MEET YOUR COUNCIL

The City of Melbourne has welcomed its newly-elected Council.

Here is a brief introduction to the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and councillors at the City of Melbourne. To find extended biographies and contact details for councillors, visit [melbourne.vic.gov.au/aboutcouncil](http://melbourne.vic.gov.au/aboutcouncil)



**Lord Mayor  
Sally Capp**

*Re-elected in November 2020 after having previously been elected in May 2018*

Sally began her career as a solicitor and was the first woman to hold the post of Agent-General for Victoria in the UK, Europe and Israel. She has also served as the CEO for the Committee for Melbourne and COO of the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Sally has held senior roles at both KPMG and ANZ, and she took the small business she co-founded to the ASX. Most recently she was Victorian Executive Director of the Property Council of Australia. A passionate Magpies supporter, in 2004 Sally made history as the first female board member of Collingwood FC. She is involved in a number of charities.

Sally is the first woman to be directly elected as Lord Mayor.

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**'The people of Melbourne are great collaborators and we've seen the benefits of this during COVID-19. As restrictions ease, we are rediscovering what we love about the city, and what we have taken for granted. I am excited about what we have planned for Melbourne's future to drive positive change.'**  
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**Deputy  
Lord Mayor  
Nicholas  
Reece**

*Elected Deputy Lord Mayor in November 2020, after having previously been elected Councillor in 2016*

Nick is an executive in Chancellery at the University of Melbourne and holds an academic position of principal fellow and teaches at the Melbourne School of Government. Nick is the chairman of global men's health charity Movember and, for more than 10 years, he was a director for the street newspaper *The Big Issue*.

Nick has considerable experience in government and policy making, having worked as a senior adviser to Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Victorian premiers Steve Bracks and John Brumby. He is a commentator for SKY News and a regular columnist for *The Age*.

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**'Melbourne has been hit hard by COVID-19, but we are going to come roaring back. During this time, we've seen what the city can do, from taking action on homelessness to pivoting to outdoor dining. I am so excited about the four years we have in front of us.'**  
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**Councillor  
Philip Le Liu**

*Re-elected in November 2020 after having previously been elected in 2016*

Philip is a local resident and a long-time worker within the City of Melbourne. With more than 10 years of experience across a variety of sectors, including government, utility, telecommunication, and financial services, Philip is a trusted adviser to many in the community, business, and government sectors.

Philip is a regular speaker at conferences and on panels across Australia and Asia, and he speaks on key issues in the media. In 2019, he was recognised as one of 40 Under 40 Most Influential Asian-Australians and winner of the Public Sector/Government category. Outside of council, Philip is an entrepreneur and heavily involved in helping local communities.

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**'I love that Melbourne is so diverse and multicultural. During my first four years on Council I learnt a lot and enjoyed helping people, especially the business owners, residents and students, that call Melbourne home. The best of Melbourne is yet to come and we all have a role to play in her success. Vires Acquirit Eundo.'**  
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**Councillor  
Rohan  
Leppert**

*Re-elected in November 2020 after having previously been elected in 2016 and 2012*

Rohan is a member of the Victorian Greens. He has lived in the City of Melbourne his entire adult life and currently lives and works in Kensington. He has worked as a musician and teacher for more than 15 years, and more recently as an urban planner.

Rohan is a board member of the Municipal Association of Victoria, where he also chairs the Planning Committee, an associate of the Planning Institute of Australia and a member of the National Trust (Victoria).

Rohan's priority and passion as councillor is planning Melbourne in the public interest, for a more economically just, environmentally sustainable, accessible and creative city for future generations.

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**'As a returning councillor, I know how hard economic recovery is going to be, but I also feel that we've got a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make the city more affordable, environmentally sustainable, and to bring creative practitioners back into the middle of the city to work and live.'**  
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**Councillor Jason Chang**

Jason is co-founder and CEO of Calia, a restaurant-to-retail brand created in Melbourne specialising in quality products and ingredients. His hospitality and retail group employs hundreds of people across his stores in Melbourne and Asia, and for his online store operations.

Born and raised in Melbourne, Jason knows all too well the devastating impact that COVID-19 is having on Melbourne's beloved hospitality, retail, international student and tourism industries.

**'I love going to restaurants and cafes around Melbourne. As a small business owner and trader, I understand the pain and suffering businesses are feeling right now. I really want to give them a voice and show them that we're here to help to revive the city.'**



**Councillor Elizabeth Mary Doidge**

Elizabeth was born, raised, and has lived her entire life in Melbourne. She has a proud career in the trade union movement, playing a key role in communication and stakeholder engagement. Elizabeth currently works in the construction sector engaging with a diverse range of industry and community stakeholders.

Elizabeth recognises the important role Council will play in the recovery of our city and the opportunity presented to Council to contribute to the design of a more productive, inclusive and enriched city for all.

**'The pandemic has had a devastating impact on everybody, but this period of change also presents opportunities to restructure some things that didn't work so well before and help make Melbourne a better, more enriched place - a more inclusive place for everybody.'**



**Councillor Olivia Ball**

Olivia has lived, worked and studied in the City of Melbourne for most of her life. With a Masters and PhD in human rights, and experience working in women's, children's, refugees', workers' and older people's rights, she brings human rights expertise to the diverse activities of Council, from the affordability of housing to the accessibility of our city and democracy.

A published author, Olivia also has a science degree, giving her skills in assessing evidence and applying research. Most recently, she has been studying urban planning.

**'What I want to do on Council is to take this current crisis, which is consuming us so much, and give birth to a new world - a better Melbourne, with better outcomes for human rights and the environment. A fairer, more affordable, more sustainable Melbourne.'**



**Councillor Davydd Griffiths**

Davydd moved to Melbourne to study in 1993 and since that time has lived or worked in the City of Melbourne. Davydd worked as a school teacher for many years and remains passionate about the power of education to transform lives and connect communities.

After leaving teaching he worked as a policy advisor in both education and health with a particular focus on community health provision, men's health and mental health. Addressing the impact of loneliness, particularly in rapidly transforming urban communities, is another of Davydd's key interests. In recent years, Davydd has owned and operated hospitality venues in Kensington and West Melbourne and has experienced first-hand the impacts of COVID-19 on business.

**'I have a pub in West Melbourne and I do my banking at the other end of town just so I can walk through the city and see it change. I'm excited to help bring people back into Melbourne after the disconnection and isolation of the COVID experience.'**



**Councillor Jamal Hakim**

Jamal is Managing Director of a national health non-profit that has safely and successfully navigated COVID-19. Having worked in complex, challenging global organisations his entire career, he is both an entrepreneur and business person at heart. Jamal is a GAICD and holds a number of board roles, including with Democracy in Colour, Marie Stopes PNG and previously with Midsumma Festival.

A resident of Docklands for 12 years, Jamal is passionate about ensuring a thriving community that is physically, emotionally, culturally and environmentally safe for everyone. Jamal is also an advocate for representative and evidence-based decision making.

**'What I really love about our great city is the diversity and intersectionality of people that live, work and visit here. We have this amazing community that is so fun, adventurous and inclusive. We need change that is driven by the people.'**



**Councillor Roshena Campbell**

Roshena is a barrister with expertise in commercial law and corporate governance. Prior to that she was a solicitor with a leading national law firm for nearly a decade. She has represented some of Australia's largest companies as well as state and local government bodies.

Roshena has put down deep roots since moving to Melbourne as a 20-year-old and has lived, worked and studied in the City of Melbourne. She has three young children. She is passionate about contributing to Melbourne's re-emergence as a vibrant, thriving city. Her priority is ensuring that Melbourne is Australia's greatest city to do business in and the destination of choice for families to live and visit.

**'I love Melbourne's vibrancy and rich culture. I am delighted to see the return of workers and visitors and the reopening of beloved restaurants and attractions. I believe there is so much we can do to positively shape the city over the coming four years.'**



**Councillor Kevin Louey**

*Re-elected in November 2020 after having previously been elected in 2016, 2012 and 2008*

Kevin has extensive experience across the business, government and community sectors and spent seven years at the City of Melbourne as Chief of Staff to the former Lord Mayor John So, before being elected as a councillor in 2008.

Kevin has been the City of Melbourne's appointment to the advisory committees including Enterprise Melbourne Pty Ltd and Business Partner City Network.

Kevin is passionate about working with small business and activating the city to increase visitation.

**'Over 20 years on Council, I have enjoyed seeing the city change. We will continue to focus on business support and reactivation as we meet the challenges of COVID-19 and embrace opportunities for recovery. I look forward to working together for another four years.'**



## EVENTS CALENDAR

# A FEW OF OUR FAVOURITE THINGS



Find more great events like these at [whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au](http://whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au)

**Reconnect with what you love most about Melbourne by filling your diary with iconic events, creatively reimaged to be COVID-safe.**

Here are some highlights for the coming months. Event details may change as restrictions evolve, so check online for updates.

**UNTIL 28 FEBRUARY**

### MELBOURNE MUSIC WEEK-EXTENDED

See a gig or three to support local artists as the music industry recovers from months of lockdown. This year's event has been extended to three months to offer greater flexibility for local artists, venues and businesses.

**UNTIL 18 APRIL**

### NGV TRIENNIAL

Explore a colossal exhibition of specially-commissioned works from more than 100 artists from around the world, including a larger-than-life sculpture of Venus and face shields made from food waste and flowers.



JAN

**15-28**

*Lunar New Year celebrations*

**15 JANUARY TO 28 FEBRUARY**

### LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Welcome the Year of the Ox at events across the city, including the Melbourne Chinese New Year Festival in the Chinatown Precinct and the Melbourne Lantern Festival at Queensbridge Square.



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**5-8**

*Moomba*

**1 TO 28 FEBRUARY**

### SUSTAINABLE LIVING FESTIVAL

Discover community, commercial and technological responses to the environmental challenges of our time as eco-friendly events take place at locations across the city.

**FEBRUARY**

### AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Feel the buzz as some of the world's best tennis stars battle it out at Melbourne Park. Special events featuring live music, food and activities will also be held at Birrarung Marr and beyond. Check the dates online.

**27 TO 28 FEBRUARY**

### LONSDALE STREET GREEK FESTIVAL

Be part of a street party to be remembered, featuring authentic Greek cuisine, culture, retail, free live entertainment and more. Find the celebrations on Lonsdale Street between Swanston and Exhibitions streets.

**5 TO 8 MARCH**

### MOOMBA

Enjoy family-friendly fun on the banks of Yarra River and in the Alexandra Gardens. Now in its 67th year, this much-loved staple on the Melbourne calendar brings us together to celebrate our city's diversity and talent.

**11 TO 20 MARCH**

### MELBOURNE FASHION FESTIVAL

Feast your eyes on the works of independent, emerging and niche designers through runway and showcase presentations. Check the event locations online.

**18 TO 21 MARCH**

### FORMULA 1® AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX

See the world's best motorsport drivers vie for the chequered flag at adrenaline-pumping speed as you soak up the festivities around the picturesque lake at Albert Park.

**21 MARCH**

### MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

Enjoy food, music and art from around the world at this community event that is part of statewide Cultural Diversity Week celebrations. Check the venue online.

**28 MARCH**

### RUN FOR THE KIDS

Raise funds for the Royal Children's Hospital's Good Friday Appeal through this annual running event presented by the Herald Sun and Transurban. The short and long courses start and finish in Docklands.

**2 APRIL**

### KIDS' DAY OUT

Bring the whole family into the city for a day of fun activities to raise funds for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Check the venue online.

**19 APRIL TO 5 MAY**

### MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL

Experience Victoria's premier LGBTQIA+ arts and cultural festival as vibrant events pop up at more than 100 venues across Melbourne, including free activities at Sidney Myer Music Bowl.



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Multicultural Festival



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1-28

Sustainable Living Festival

## LOCAL LINE-UP SHINES IN SUMMER OF MUSIC

**Experience post-punk rock, bathe in sound under a new moon and bring your pup to a dog-friendly gig during Melbourne Music Week-Extended, which runs until 28 February.**

This special-edition, three-month program of COVID-safe events is supporting the recovery of Melbourne's local live music industry as artists return to the stage after months of restrictions.

The Melbourne Music Week-Extended program includes a mix of concerts in beloved venues, outdoor parties, online talks and podcasts. For the first time ever, the line-up is 100 per cent local.

Upcoming headline acts include hip-hop star Baker Boy at Melbourne Recital Centre, metal band High Tension at Max Watts and fierce post-punk trio Cable Ties at Forum Melbourne.

Cable Ties was about to embark on its biggest year ever when COVID-19 hit. The band had just signed with Merge Records and was two days away from flying to the USA to perform.

'Our music has always been a bit of a cathartic release, and now that is even more relevant,' said singer and guitarist Jenny McKechnie, who studied psychology, and got a dog and some chickens, during lockdown.

'Our album *Far Enough* is about finding hope in bad situations when you can't see a lot of reasons to have it, so we've had to put those sentiments into action.'

Jenny is looking forward to headlining for the first time at Forum Melbourne amid an 'amazing line-up', with audiences set to feel Cable Ties' powerful, hypnotic sounds through their bodies.



Post-punk band Cable Ties at Forum Melbourne

'Melbourne has always got incredible stuff going on and I'm really glad that Melbourne Music Week-Extended is happening to celebrate local artists.'

Melbourne Music Week-Extended is presented by the City of Melbourne. The festival's unique co-production model means that the vast majority of ticketing revenue goes to event partners - the labels, artists and venues.

Now in its 11th year, Melbourne Music Week has programmed more than 2300 musical acts, entertained more than 400,000 fans and contributed \$27 million to the municipal economy since 2010.



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### FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

14 AND 21 JANUARY

#### TECHNO BINGO

Experience rave and bingo combined into one uplifting show at Colour. Fun is inevitable at this seated dance party with a twist. Ticketed.

30 JANUARY

#### DOG DAY AFTERNOON WITH HENRY WAGONS

Bring your four-legged friends to this dog-friendly concert at MPavilion to thank them for their companionship during uncertain times. Free. Registration required.

12 FEBRUARY

#### NEW MOON RITUAL AND SOUND BATH

Set your intentions under a new moon at MPavilion amid therapeutic sounds created by gong practitioner Mona Ruijs and acclaimed ambient producer Citizen Maze. Free.

# MELBOURNE DIGITAL TIME CAPSULE STUNNING IMAGES REVEAL SECRET SPACES

Feast your eyes on photographs of iconic and never-before-seen Melbourne locations captured during lockdown, including deserted stages, hidden rooftops and new street art.

We designed our Melbourne Digital Time Capsule project to reconnect local people with their city and help future generations understand what life was like during COVID-19.

Taking advantage of our quiet city, we asked photographer Ray Reyes (@rayofmelbourne) to capture images of more than 20 locations of historical and cultural significance.



The photographs show iconic spaces 'on pause' due to the pandemic, places usually off-limits to the public, and businesses as they took cautious steps towards reopening.

'It was an extraordinary experience photographing Melbourne during lockdown. There was an eerie feeling seeing empty streets and your favourite shops closed,' Ray said.

'I have been photographing the City of Melbourne for years and witnessing these changes was heartbreaking, but I was also so lucky to take photos of the city during its toughest time.'

'I'd like to really thank the people who assisted us for each location to make this project possible, safe and sound.'

One of Ray's favourite assignments was photographing one hundred *UooUoo* sculptures waiting in the wings of a massive North Melbourne warehouse.

The *UooUoo*s were decorated by local artists for Me and *UooUoo*: The RCH150 Anniversary Art Trail supporting The Royal Children's Hospital. Keep an eye out for the *UooUoo*s around town from January to March 2021.

A small sample of the Melbourne Digital Time Capsule images are shown on this spread.

To browse more images, and the stories behind them, visit the What's On Melbourne blog at [whatsonblog.melbourne.vic.gov.au](https://whatsonblog.melbourne.vic.gov.au)

The images taken for the Melbourne Digital Time Capsule will also be preserved in our City Collection.

Alongside these new images, the City Collection includes more than 8000 eclectic items that reflect the stories of our city, including an Aboriginal scar tree, mayoral portraits and a vintage bottle of Moomba spumante.



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## DID YOU KNOW

The Melbourne Digital Time Capsule project isn't the only one of its kind.

Organisations in major cities around the world have been creating archives of life under lockdown, including the Los Angeles Public Library.

Schools have also asked children to create time capsules of their experiences of learning from home.

**'It was an extraordinary experience photographing Melbourne during lockdown. There was an eerie feeling seeing empty streets and your favourite shops closed.'**

1. One hundred *UooUoo* sculptures wait in the wings of a North Melbourne warehouse after their launch date was delayed
2. A sumptuous art deco boardroom on level 11 of the historic Manchester Unity Building
3. A 400-year old French dictionary in the MCG library that contains the first ever reference to cricket
4. A control room full of vintage electrical equipment at CitiPower Substation J in the city's west end
5. Some of Melbourne's best rooftop real estate is home to bee hives operated by Rooftop Honey
6. The lights of Flinders Street Station viewed from the DoubleTree by Hilton Melbourne Skyline rooms
7. New murals in Caledonian Lane celebratethe launch of e-sports and gaming venue Fortress Melbourne



Our new Cool Routes tool can help you seek the shade

# FIVE TOP TIPS FOR SUMMER WELLNESS

## Get out and about safely in Melbourne this summer to enjoy bike rides, shady walks and more.

During the COVID-19 lockdown, some people took the opportunity to embrace long walks and bike-riding in place of commutes and social activities.

While we continue to stay safe and follow physical distancing guidelines, the warmer weather presents the perfect opportunity to continue these healthy habits, and start new ones.

Here are five top tips for summer wellness.

### 1 Take a class

Move your own way at our recreation centres and in your own home by taking advantage of our many fitness facilities and classes.

Even during lockdown, Melburnians were sweating it out in their lounge rooms using the Active Melbourne app, and now you can get back in the gym and in the pool.

To find out more about all the activities on offer, including the YMCA's free Corethentic program, visit [melbourne.vic.gov.au/activemelbourne](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/activemelbourne)

### 2 Enjoy the ride

Get around the city more safely and easily on your bike, whether you're a new or seasoned rider, thanks to 40 kilometres of new kerbside-protected bike lanes.

The new lanes connect to Melbourne's existing bike lane network and make it easier to commute to work, drop the kids off at school or take a gentle Sunday afternoon ride to enjoy some outdoor dining.

To see a map of the new bike lanes, head to [melbourne.vic.gov.au/cityprojects](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/cityprojects) and click on 'new bike lanes'.

### 3 Grow your own food

Join the increasing number of Melburnians who are growing their own food to enjoy the many benefits to your wellbeing.

If you don't have room at home, consider becoming a member of your neighbourhood community garden.

To find out how to get a discount home composting system, visit [melbourne.vic.gov.au/waste](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/waste)

### 4 Find a cool route

Discover the coolest routes through the city on hot summer days by using our new Cool Routes tool.

As Melbourne experiences more frequent, extended and intense heatwaves due to climate change, this tool is designed to help you travel through the city more safely and comfortably, using a mix of city research and data from microclimate sensors.

To find out more, visit [melbourne.vic.gov.au/coolroutes](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/coolroutes)

### 5 Stay hydrated

It is vital to drink water during hot weather. Carry a water bottle and refill at one of our 60 hydration stations at key sites including Swanston Street, Bourke Street Mall and the Tan Track.

Download the free smartphone app Choose Tap to find nearby water station locations when you're on the go. For more information about how to stay safe during the heat, and to view our interactive map of drinking fountains, visit [melbourne.vic.gov.au/heatwaves](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/heatwaves)

## CARING FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

This year we're offering water bottles, cooling towels, insect repellent, sunscreen and sun hats through our partners as part of our Heatwave Response Plan.

If you are concerned about someone sleeping rough, you can let us know through our online form at [melbourne.vic.gov.au/homelessness](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/homelessness)

Remember, if the person is under 18, or if it is an emergency, call 000.

# 10-YEAR STRATEGY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

**Imagine working full-time in hospitality, child care or nursing and then finding yourself on the brink of homelessness after being priced out of the rental market.**

This can be the scary reality for Melburnians working in a wide range of industries who earn very low, low, or moderate incomes, especially in the wake of COVID-19.

There is a current shortfall of at least 5500 affordable rental homes in Melbourne. We are committed to turning this around so everyone has a safe and affordable place to live.

Our new Affordable Housing Strategy 2030 is an ambitious, evidence-based plan to deliver homes for people who need them most.

We are already working with partners to deliver affordable housing on Council-owned land and Melbourne's first major build-to-rent project.

The strategy includes commitments to lease a Council-owned site to develop an affordable rental housing project, and that 25 per cent of all future residential development on Council-owned land should be affordable housing.

We welcome the Victorian Government's \$5.3 billion commitment to construct more than 12,000 new homes and will continue to advocate for a coordinated response, investment and systemic change.

## DID YOU KNOW

Independent analysis shows that for every \$1 spent on affordable housing, more than \$3 in community benefit would be created.

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [melbourne.vic.gov.au/affordablehousing](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/affordablehousing)**



*Hospitality worker Panmile was at risk of becoming homeless before she secured affordable housing*

## FAST FACTS ABOUT COMMUNITY WELLBEING

**Our Health and Wellbeing Profile 2020 has revealed the following statistics about health and wellbeing in our city.**



*An increasing number of Melburnians are growing their own food*

- Just under half of local adults surveyed engaged in the recommended amount of physical activity, which is 30 minutes or more, four days a week.

- The pandemic led to more people riding bikes for recreation across Melbourne, with weekend numbers growing by more than 50 per cent from February to May 2020.

In November, after the Health and Wellbeing Profile was published, weekend bike riding numbers were found to be more than three times the pre-COVID baseline.

- The proportion of local residents who produce or preserve and consume their own food is rising, with an increase from 58.9 per cent in 2019 to 61.4 per cent in 2020.
- The proportion of residents who reported experiencing food insecurity increased from 25.8 per cent in 2019 to 32.9 per cent in 2020.

To find out how to access healthy, fresh food in Melbourne, check out our Community Food Guide at [melbourne.vic.gov.au/communityfoodguide](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/communityfoodguide)

- Only seven per cent of adults surveyed consumed the recommended two serves of fruit and three serves of vegetables each day. However, this was up from four per cent in 2019.

## DO YOU NEED SUPPORT?

The COVID-19 pandemic has worsened a number of existing health and wellbeing challenges in our community, including mental health, social isolation, alcohol and drug use, food security and family violence.

If you need support, contact Beyond Blue on 1300 22 4636 for short-term counselling and referrals, or Lifeline on 13 11 14 for 24-hour crisis support and suicide prevention services.

Some other council support services are listed on page 15 of this magazine.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [melbourne.vic.gov.au/HWP2020](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/HWP2020)**

# PROFESSOR DOUG HILTON NAMED MELBURNIAN OF THE YEAR



Professor Doug Hilton AO was named Melburnian of the Year in late 2020

**Professor Doug Hilton AO says it's Melbourne's generosity of spirit that makes him most proud of his city. Lord Mayor Sally Capp has announced that Professor Hilton, the Director of WEHI (the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research), is the Melburnian of the Year.**

The Lord Mayor said Professor Hilton was recognised for his outstanding contribution to medical research and to the community.

Major collaborations with industry have helped develop his discoveries into medicines that are being trialled for diseases like asthma.

Professor Hilton has been heartened to see the research sector and the community as a whole responding to COVID-19 in a unified way.

'Many elements in our culture make me proud to be a Melburnian. The way we've responded to COVID-19 has been an exemplar of all these things. Almost overwhelmingly we've been in this together,' Professor Hilton said.

WEHI has had a role to play during the pandemic, just as it always has in Melbourne's history, he said.

'The institute has always been very responsive to what the community is going through in terms of health challenges. Responding to COVID-19 is in many ways an extension of what we've been doing for 105 years.'

The 2020 Melbourne Awards recognise the community spirit of outstanding people in our city.

Professor Hilton has overseen a number of gender equality initiatives, including spearheading the development of a childcare centre at WEHI to help assist researchers returning to work after having children.

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'I think it says a lot about who we are as an institute that when you walk off Royal Parade into the building the first thing you hear is the playing and laughing of kids!'

Professor Hilton enjoys that awards such as Melburnian of the Year give him an opportunity to talk about the amazing researchers in Melbourne.

'The privilege of being the director of WEHI is that every year you get to work with some of the most passionate, creative people in their generation.'

 **FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [melbourne.vic.gov.au/melbourneawards](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/melbourneawards)**

## ANNUAL REPORT OUT NOW

Find out how we're supporting our city and community in the latest Annual Report for 2019-20, the third progress report on our 2017-21 Council Plan.

[melbourne.vic.gov.au/annualreport](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/annualreport)

## WISE UP WHILE YOU WALK

Tour secret parks, hidden laneways, street art, architecture and more thanks to our newly updated self-guided walks. Download free maps from our website, or pick one up from our newly reopened visitor hubs.

[whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au/walks](https://whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au/walks)

## BUSINESS SUPPORT

Want expert advice on marketing, budgeting and more? Visit our website to book a free mentoring session and subscribe to our business newsletter. Our Business Concierge Hotline is also here for all businesses affected by COVID-19. Simply phone 9658 9658 and press 1 for business, or submit your query online.

[melbourne.vic.gov.au/business](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/business)



## MOVE IT YOUR WAY

Keep fit with our Active Melbourne app and virtual classes such as yoga and tai chi, and check out our website for up-to-date information about swimming, tennis, golf and more.

[melbourne.vic.gov.au/activemelbourne](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/activemelbourne)

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# SNAPSHOT OF COUNCIL SERVICES

After such a challenging year for all of us, it's more important than ever to stay connected with your community and reach out if you need support.

Here is a small sample of the City of Melbourne services available to you and your family. To find out more, visit [melbourne.vic.gov.au](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au) or call 9658 9658.

## CARERS

Do you provide unpaid care to an older person, or someone living with a physical or mental health condition or disability? Email [healthyageing@melbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:healthyageing@melbourne.vic.gov.au) or call or text 0427 872 516 to enquire about our supportive and informative carer support program. We also offer a dedicated group for LGBTIQ+ carers. Find out more at [melbourne.vic.gov.au/carers](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/carers)

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Explore our maternal and child health, parenting, immunisation, family support and counselling, child care and family violence support services at [melbourne.vic.gov.au/families](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/families)

## LIBRARIES

Enjoy free conversation clubs, online courses, storytime activities for all ages, ebooks, audiobooks, films, music, podcasts, and more. Explore what's on offer at [melbourne.vic.gov.au/libraries](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/libraries)

## MULTICULTURAL SERVICES

Did you know we offer multilingual information lines, programs for international students, and a Multicultural Hub as a place to meet, interact and collaborate? Find out more at [melbourne.vic.gov.au/multicultural](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/multicultural)

## PARTICIPATE

Do you want to help shape Melbourne's future? Join the conversation to influence plans for your neighbourhood, from parks to city strategies at [participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au](https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au)

## TRANSLATION

Find out about council rates, community services, waste, parking and more in your native language by speaking to one of our translators for free, or by listening to recorded information. Learn more at [melbourne.vic.gov.au/translation](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/translation)

## FOR OLDER PEOPLE

### HEALTHY AGEING

Keep up-to-date with all the latest in healthy ageing news and activities by subscribing to our monthly newsletter at [melbourne.vic.gov.au/olderpeople](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/olderpeople) or call us on 9658 9190.

### HOME CARE AND SUPPORT GROUPS

If you would like to access our home care packages or social support groups for the first time, start by calling My Aged Care on 1800 200 422 or visit [myagedcare.gov.au](https://myagedcare.gov.au) to explore your options and eligibility.

### STAY CONNECTED

Have you become socially disconnected during COVID-19? We can provide support to link you back in with social activities for older people in the City of Melbourne. If you'd like to have a chat, please contact Christina on 0428 543 863 or email [keepingconnected@melbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:keepingconnected@melbourne.vic.gov.au)



*We provide a range of services for people of all ages and backgrounds*

## Council meetings

Watch meetings live from wherever you are thanks to our live-streaming capability. Tune in live or catch up later.

To find meeting dates, and stay up-to-date with the latest advice on how to access Council and committee meetings in the coming months, please visit [melbourne.vic.gov.au/aboutcouncil](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/aboutcouncil)



# ECO-FRIENDLY FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE

**Our brand new Lady Huntingfield Early Learning and Family Services Centre in North Melbourne is ready to welcome children and families in 2021.**

After 77 years, the former centre was demolished to make way for a new two-storey facility, designed with a focus on sustainability.

The new, multi-functional centre responds to the needs of a growing and culturally diverse population.

It accommodates 106 places for children on the ground floor and maternal and child health services on the upper floor, along with spaces for playgroups, family support, counselling and community services.

Here are five design features that will help minimise environmental impacts over the life of the building:

- 1 renewable energy**, harnessed through the use of a ground heat exchanger as part of the heating and cooling of the building
- 2 sub-floor construction** partially filled with basalt rocks to help pre-cool incoming air, particularly in the summer months
- 3 solar panels** to generate electricity on site, and energy efficient LED light fittings

- 4 natural ventilation** and good insulation, alongside motorised double-glazed louvres, a thermal chimney and large ceiling fans
- 5 rainwater harvesting** and water efficient fittings.

You can find out more about the Lady Huntingfield centre, and other services for families and children in your neighbourhood, on our website.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [melbourne.vic.gov.au/children](http://melbourne.vic.gov.au/children)**



Lady Huntingfield Early Learning and Family Services Centre in North Melbourne

## CONTACT

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