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Melburnian of the Year Antoinette Braybrook with singer-songwriter Casey Donovan at the Melbourne Awards Gala Ceremony

A MESSAGE FROM THE LORD MAYOR



Lord Mayor Sally Capp at Queen Victoria Market

Melbourne's magnetism is palpable, and the world is watching as we blossom into a city of possibility.

Led by your aspirations, we're strengthening our community, environment and economy. We're focusing on the basics - like cleaning and greening - while accelerating progress and dreaming big with some of our boldest achievements yet.

I can't wait to see Power Melbourne batteries pop up at iconic city locations, unlocking affordable renewable energy for residents and small businesses.

It will be wonderful to welcome customers to the new Food Hall at Queen Victoria Market, and readers, thinkers and makers to our new flagship library at Munro later this year.

Watch as The Greenline Project takes shape. Starting with the floating wetlands, it will create a four-kilometre passage along the northbank of our city's Yarra River - Birrarung with upgraded parks, pedestrian bridges and boardwalks for you to explore.

Look out too for new green bins and caddies that will help us divert food and organic waste from landfill. As well as a footpath blitz and new bollards to keep our city safe and sparkling.

Melburnians are settling into a new rhythm, and relishing unique city experiences.

Check out the stellar range of events and activations in the first half of the year to ensure you never have a dull moment in the nation's events capital.

We're spoiled for choice. Only in the city can you flit from a rooftop bar, to dinner and drinks and an award-winning show or international sporting event all in one day.

This is where possibility begins. Thanks to entities like Invest Melbourne, Melbourne is the world's meeting place. You can make your next big dream a reality here, connecting with colleagues, customers and collaborators all while waiting for coffee.

We're also Australia's most liveable city, and proud that everyone and every voice is welcome here.

Continue to share your big ideas via our new neighbourhood portals, and help us honour local leaders - like Melburnian of the Year Antoinette Braybrook - who are helping to make our city safer and more inclusive.

Learn more in this edition of *Melbourne Magazine*, so you can make the most of this city and its marvellous offerings.

Sally Capp
Lord Mayor

The City of Melbourne respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land we govern, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and Bunurong Boon Wurrung peoples of the Eastern Kulin and pays respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge and honour the unbroken spiritual, cultural and political connection the Wurundjeri, Bunurong, Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Wadawurrung peoples of the Eastern Kulin have to this unique place for more than 2000 generations. We are committed to our reconciliation journey, because at its heart, reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples, for the benefit of all Victorians.

INVEST MELBOURNE SUPPORTS BUSINESS GROWTH



Get support to grow your business

Unlock your business potential with support from expert advisers and join the many innovative and successful companies investing in Melbourne.

Melbourne is projected to be the fastest-growing capital city from 2023-24, and the nation's most populated city by 2030.

Invest Melbourne – part of the City of Melbourne – can help you harness this prosperity, connect with the right people at the right time, and achieve business success.

Our experienced advisers can help you at each stage of the process, including market entry, business case validation, location selection, government support, and connections to industry contacts and talent.

The Invest Melbourne Advisory Board brings together business experts with extensive experience in fields like finance, technology, innovation, energy, life sciences, logistics, property and education.

Chair Amanda Coombs said the group's seniority allows for rich conversations and rapid sense-checks on industry-specific suggestions.

'We are energised by Invest Melbourne's pipeline of opportunities and the positive impact these can have on creating jobs and ensuring Melbourne is again a highly attractive and easy place to do business,' Amanda said.

'We collaborate with our state and federal counterparts to ensure opportunities are considered fully, efforts are well-coordinated, and delivery is efficiently managed.'

'Only one year in, we have great momentum in reimagining and investing in what Melbourne can be for businesses looking to land or expand in the city.'

Looking to the future, Invest Melbourne has clear goals, including creating industry hubs to attract talented professionals to live and work in the city.

'Our priorities for the first half of 2023 include the creation of more than 300 jobs and \$200 million in capital expenditure,' Amanda said.

'We want Melburnians to be proud of their city and enjoy working and living in it.'



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT melbourne.vic.gov.au/invest

CITY FORECASTS

Melbourne is set to deliver a \$150 billion Gross Local Product by 2031 according to our independently reviewed city forecasts. This is a massive increase from our record \$104 billion economy in 2019.

More than 308,000 residents will call the city home by 2041, doubling the number of people who lived in the city in 2021.

By 2041 we can also expect the city to host more than 659,000 jobs, an increase of more than 193,000 jobs from 2021.



Our experienced advisers are here to help



Young Melburnians enjoy the dodgems at Moomba in 1987

**CITY
FLASHBACK**

Unleash your perm and double-denim – we're flashing back to the 1980s with this snap of two young women enjoying Melbourne's beloved community festival, Moomba.

This image is one of more than 10,000 eclectic pieces of cultural material preserved in our City Collection. Nostalgic photos, epic art, Melbourne's first brick – you'll be surprised by what you can find.

Browse to your heart's content at citycollection.melbourne.vic.gov.au



How do I apply for a permit?

Showcase your talents as a busker, install an outdoor dining area, display a portable advertising board and more using our easy online permits system. Our service portal is available 24 hours a day at melbourne.vic.gov.au/permitsupport



**POWER MELBOURNE:
NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD BATTERIES**

We plan to install batteries the size of small cars on council-owned properties like Library at the Dock and Queen Victoria Market.

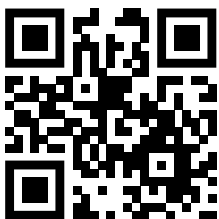
Our network of neighbourhood batteries will store solar and wind power and provide access to affordable green energy for thousands of residents and small businesses.

This virtual energy grid is part of our goal for the City of Melbourne to be powered by 100 per cent renewable energy by 2030 and achieve zero net emissions by 2040.

Learn more at melbourne.vic.gov.au/powermelbourne



Solar panels at Queen Victoria Market







LAUNCH OF MELBOURNE NEWS

Read city-shaping news, meet community champions and keep in touch with what's happening in your neighbourhood on our new Melbourne News website.

Head to news.melbourne.vic.gov.au to read the latest stories and subscribe to receive monthly newsletters direct to your inbox. You can also subscribe using this QR code.

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TRANSFORMING MELBOURNE: CHECK-IN ON CAPITAL WORKS

See your neighbourhood evolve before your eyes as we design and deliver about \$280 million of capital works.

Whether it's a city-shaping build or critical basics - like replacing 4800 sqm of worn-out footpaths with bluestone or installing security bollards - we're working to ensure Melbourne remains Australia's most liveable city.

One of our major projects is transforming Southbank Boulevard. So far we've delivered 22,000 sqm of public space, more than

400 new trees, 1.1 km of bike lanes and a new play space. We'll start work on a linear park in Dodds Street this year.

Meanwhile, at Australia Wharf, we've added new moorings to the marina, with waste, water and electrical connections for charter vessels, to support visitation and trade in Docklands.

Over recent months we've also completed greening projects across the city, including on Provost and Little Provost streets in North Melbourne, and in the Greek Quarter in the CBD.



The new play space on Southbank Boulevard

CAPITAL WORKS IN 2023



Deputy Lord Mayor Nicolas Reece with local kids at Fawkner Park

FAWKNER PARK OVAL

Keep an eye out for new turf, cricket wickets and irrigation on the southern sports field at Fawkner Park, a place 9000 locals enjoy each day. Works to enhance the Pasley Street North entrance are complete.

QUEEN VICTORIA MARKET

Drop by to support traders at Melbourne's beloved market. Ten of the market's 12 heritage sheds have now been restored, with the final two - sheds H and I - set to get a makeover early this year. Plus, keep an eye out for the opening of the brand-new Food Hall.

PRINCES BRIDGE

See this beloved gateway to the city restored in stages to its former glory with new paint, bluestone rejuvenation, repair of iron crests, lampposts and balustrades, rewiring and fresh roadway asphalt.

MUNRO LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB

Watch our flagship library with a makerspace and sound studios take shape alongside maternal health services, a community rooftop terrace, bookable spaces and more, opposite Queen Victoria Market.



Site works begin on Brens Pavilion

ROYAL PARK PAVILIONS

Community sport is booming, so we've upgraded the Western Pavilion into a spacious, eco-friendly facility with accessible change facilities for all. The Brens and Ryder pavilions are soon to follow.



The Greenline Project will transform the northern bank of the Birrarung

THE GREENLINE PROJECT

Imagine strolling from the MCG to Docklands along a vibrant riverside promenade of connected parklands and boardwalks. We're starting work on the first section of this major project this year.

SOUTHBANK PROMENADE

Make your way along the widened promenade with new bluestone paving and native trees. Works outside Hamer Hall are complete, and the sections close to the Evan Walker Bridge will recommence this year.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT melbourne.vic.gov.au/cityprojects

DJIRRA: ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST ABORIGINAL WOMEN



Antoinette Braybrook

Share your support to end violence against Aboriginal women alongside Kuku Yalanji woman Antoinette Braybrook, Melburnian of the Year.

Antoinette leads an organisation called Djirra, which provides practical support in a culturally safe space for Aboriginal people who experience family violence.

'I've been the CEO of Djirra for 20 years. It's been my life and I've grown with Djirra as Djirra has grown,' Antoinette said.

'As an Aboriginal woman the work is deeply personal. I want to change the narrative for our future generations.'

With deep wisdom and strong leadership, Djirra advocates for the key factors of change needed to create better outcomes for Aboriginal people.

'A critical part of our work is to identify systemic issues from our frontline experience. Women sharing their experiences allows us to advocate and influence change,' Antoinette said.

'Governments must end racist and punitive responses that see our children removed and women locked up at the highest rates in the country.'

'We will only see change when government invests in Aboriginal-led, self-determined solutions.'

Reflecting on her journey with Djirra, some moments stand out to Antoinette as particularly important.

'The Royal Commission into Family Violence recognised Djirra's Sisters Day Out and Dilly Bag Programs as best practice,' Antoinette said.

'This led to an unprecedented investment from the Victorian Government into our frontline and early intervention and prevention work for Aboriginal women.'

'Another stand-out moment was our 15-year celebration where we changed our name to 'Djirra', a Woi-wurrung word, and the organisation was gifted to Aboriginal women.'

Looking to the future, Antoinette and her team have a clear vision for gender justice and family violence prevention.

'Djirra's long-standing vision has been to establish an Aboriginal Women's Centre that is fully invested in to provide holistic services and programs,' Antoinette said.

'A centre that Aboriginal women from every corner of the state can access. Where Aboriginal women's culture and identity is validated, respected and acknowledged.'

'One that sees Aboriginal people leading the way, making their own decisions about their own lives.'

Antoinette is the first Aboriginal person to be named Melburnian of the Year.

She credits her ongoing success to the strength of the women around her.

'So many people have contributed to Djirra's journey. I have a solid group of amazing women around me that I can rely on,' Antoinette said.

'The strength, resilience and courage of Aboriginal women inspires me every day.'

'This award is recognition of the strength and courage of every Aboriginal woman who has put her trust in Djirra, so to each of you I dedicate this award.'

Antoinette encourages anyone seeking to better understand or support change to reach out to Djirra. Visit djirra.org.au

'You can donate to Djirra to become part of our story and help us realise our vision to end violence against Aboriginal women,' she said.

About the Melbourne Awards

The Melburnian of the Year is an inspirational role model who has made an outstanding contribution to the city in their chosen field, as well as a significant contribution to the Melbourne community.

The award is part of the Melbourne Awards, the City of Melbourne's highest accolades, through which we celebrate inspirational people who make amazing contributions to our city.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
melbourne.vic.gov.au/melbourneawards

MELBOURNE AWARD WINNERS



Lord Mayor Sally Capp with Ky-ya Nicholson-Ward, Mandy Nicholson and Dharna Nicholson-Bux from Djirri Djirri Cultural Services

★ **Djirri Djirri Cultural Services** – a Wurundjeri female-led dance group, also mentoring young Aboriginal girls in ceremony, language, dance and leadership to create cultural grounding.

★ **PHOTO 2022 International Festival of Photography** – Australia's largest photography event showcasing talent from artists across the globe.

★ **Kensington Neighbourhood House** – a place for people of all abilities, backgrounds and ages to connect, learn and create.

★ **Supernormal** – a lively, modern Australian restaurant with a contemporary Japanese aesthetic.

★ **The Conversation** – a truly global newsroom and leading publisher of research-based news and analysis, headquartered in Melbourne.

★ **Transfamily** – providing peer support for family, partners, friends and loved ones as they journey alongside transgender and gender diverse people.

★ **Reground** – a social enterprise helping to create a circular economy through waste collection and waste minimisation projects, such as coffee grounds for compost.

★ **Queen & Collins by Kerstin Thompson Architects and BVN** – an integration of three neo-gothic heritage buildings, championing a vision for a future workplace.



Discover the stories behind places of Aboriginal cultural significance

WAYS TO BE AN ALLY IN ABORIGINAL MELBOURNE

Get to know the oldest continuing living culture on Earth and attend events that promote truth-telling, learning, healing and change this year.

Here are some ways to deepen your understanding.

SHOW UP IN TIMES OF REFLECTION AND CELEBRATION

Pause to reflect on 26 May, Sorry Day, to acknowledge the strength of the Stolen Generations and reflect how we can all share the healing process.

The following day is the start of National Reconciliation Week – a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to reconciliation.

The dates, 27 May to 3 June, are the same each year, commemorating two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey: the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

Later in the year, NAIDOC Week encourages people to celebrate Indigenous cultures and recognise that sovereignty was never ceded.

This year's theme is 'For Our Elders', celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders as cultural knowledge holders, trailblazers, nurturers, advocates, teachers, survivors, leaders, hard workers and loved ones.

Mark your diary for 2 to 9 July and head to the city for a vibrant program of music, art and discussions.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT TO CHANGE THE DATE

As a council, we are advocating to the Federal Government to change the date of Australia Day, following an independent survey that showed majority support for the move among residents and business owners.

We support the Share the Spirit Festival that happens on 26 January at the Treasury Gardens and encourage you to deepen your understanding of Aboriginal sentiments about this date.

Resources like cultureislife.org and SBS documentary *The Australian Wars* are great places to start.

EXPERIENCE YIRRAMBOI

YIRRAMBOI Festival has appointed two new creative leads, heralding the arrival of a fresh and invigorating era for Australia's premier First Nations festival this year from 4 to 14 May.

Creative Lead Sherene Stewart (Taungurung / Filipino) and Lead Creative Producer J-Maine Beezley (Wakka Wakka) will collaborate with a panel of expert artists, activists and academics on a program that's set to stun.

YIRRAMBOI has also joined forces with Tasmania's Dark Mofo to support First Nations artists to develop four new works in a 'kin' partnership that highlights cross-cultural connections between Koorie and Palawa peoples.

Learn more at yirramboi.com.au

SEE THE LANDSCAPE WITH FRESH EYES

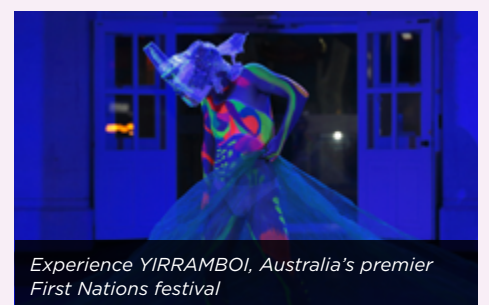
Did you know that a blue saltwater lagoon once stretched out across what would later become West Melbourne and Docklands?

Or that the high ground now known as Parliament Hill has been a site of law and lore-making for millennia?

Learn about places of cultural significance through our Mapping Aboriginal Melbourne project, which reveals Aboriginal peoples' deep connection to this country, at aboriginal-map.melbourne.vic.gov.au

Search 'ally' at news.melbourne.vic.gov.au to find more tips about learning Aboriginal language, deadly businesses to support, local walking tours and a reading list of exceptional books by First Nations authors.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT melbourne.vic.gov.au/aboriginal



Experience YIRRAMBOI, Australia's premier First Nations festival

EVENTS CALENDAR

WHAT'S ON IN MAGNETIC MELBOURNE



Event dates and details may change. Check online for updates at whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au



FROM 21

JAN

Midsumma Festival

7 TO 28 JANUARY

DISTRICT LIVE

Enjoy free entertainment for all ages every Saturday in January at The District Docklands. Expect live music, food and top local artists in the open air.

16 TO 29 JANUARY

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Catch the biggest names in tennis and non-stop entertainment to match at Melbourne Park.

21 JANUARY TO 12 FEBRUARY

MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL

Take your pick from more than 200 LGBTQIA+ arts and cultural events across Victoria. Head to Alexandra Gardens on 22 January for the iconic carnival with entertainment for all, even your pooch.

22 JANUARY

CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR

Welcome the Year of the Rabbit at iconic celebrations across the city. The sign of the rabbit symbolises longevity, peace and prosperity, and makes 2023 a year of hope.

Walk beneath beautiful lantern displays, feast on delicious dumplings and look out for pop-up lion dances. Then soak up the sun at outdoor markets, find family friendly fun at the NGV, and more.

Plan your Chinese Lunar New Year at whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au



21 TO 29 JANUARY

POLITE MAMMALS

Experience the premiere of a comedy show for kids about animals of all kinds at ArtPlay. There'll be singing, dancing, puppets and poo jokes in this Midsumma show co-created by kids and The Wholesome Hour.

1 TO 28 FEBRUARY

NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE LIVING FESTIVAL

Discover bold ideas and get passionate about new solutions that shape the sustainability landscape. There'll be talks, forums, workshops, film, art, design and community events at various venues.

2 TO 5 FEBRUARY

MAKEDO - UP AND DOWN

Squeeze, throw and roll in this sensory painting workshop at ArtPlay. If a ball goes up, will it come down? What if I roll it round and round? Work together to make question-provoking art. For ages 14 months to 4 years.

3 TO 12 FEBRUARY

ACROSS THE BRIDGE

Cross the bridge and settle in to a cosy, immersive exhibition at Signal. See new artworks made through dialogue between young LGBTQIA+ international students and local artists. Part of Midsumma.

7 FEBRUARY TO 28 MARCH

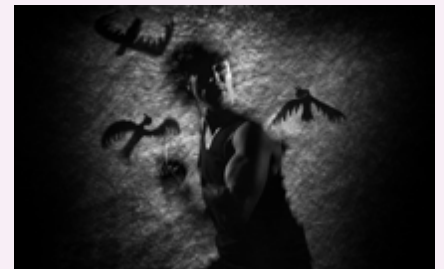
CONNECT CAFE

Need tech or IT help? Head to Jean McKendry Neighbourhood Centre in North Melbourne on Tuesdays from 10am to 1pm to learn how to better use your mobile phone, tablet or laptop, and the internet. These free sessions for older people are presented by a young tech whiz from not-for-profit Lively. Light morning tea provided.

9 TO 12 FEBRUARY

BEAM ME UP, BABY!

The universe has shrunk through a black hole and landed at ArtPlay. Guided by artist Emma Salzano, babies and carers will move through a sensory play-space full of music and textures. For little ones aged two to 14 months.



1 TO 31 MARCH

FRAME: A MAJOR NEW BIENNIAL OF DANCE

Immerse yourself in a new festival of dance that traverses all cultures, forms and styles – an evolving and transformative congregation for audiences, makers and presenters.

Co-created by a collective of independent artists and organisations over three years, FRAME is set to energise the dance and live performance sector with performances, talks and workshops.

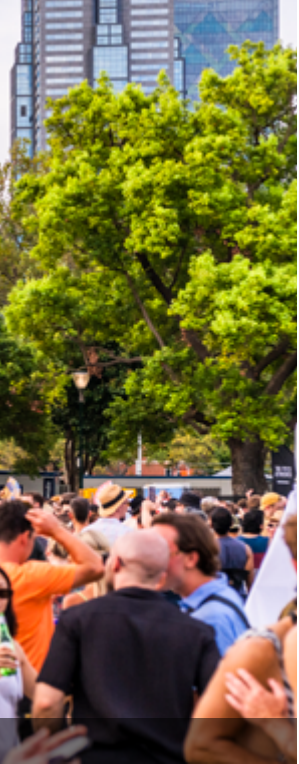
Arts House in North Melbourne will host part of the program, including stunning works by First Nations and Senegalese dancers.

Learn more at framebiennial.com.au

9 TO 13 MARCH

MOOMBA

Share the magic of Moomba this Labour Day long weekend. Don't miss the beloved Birdman Rally, Moomba Parade, carnival rides, water sports and fireworks.



27

MAY

The Long Walk



UNTIL

OCT

Temple of Boom



FROM 29

MAR

Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show

18 MARCH

SOUTHBANK COMMUNITY DAY

Come and meet your Southbank neighbours, connect with local services and interest groups and be entertained by local artists and performers at Boyd Community Hub.

19 MARCH AND 7 APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL EVENTS

Run or walk in the all-abilities Run For The Kids event on 19 March, leaving from Docklands. Then enjoy a day of carnival rides, food, craft and more at the Kids Day Out on 7 April at Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. Both events support the Royal Children's Hospital.

29 MARCH TO 2 APRIL

MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW

Indulge your green thumb at the Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens. This popular lifestyle event is a celebration of blooms, backyards and our great outdoors.

29 MARCH TO 23 APRIL

MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL

Belly laugh at one of the world's largest comedy festivals, right here on your doorstep. See international headliners and hilarious up-and-comers, and soak up the vibes around Town Hall.

30 MARCH TO 2 APRIL

AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX

Rub shoulders with motorsport legends as drivers, teams and fans flock to Melbourne. Keep an eye on our website for information about free events.

UNTIL 21 APRIL

MIND, MYTHOS, MUSE

Peruse innovative, romantic and theatrical works by master fashion designer Alexander McQueen in the *Mind, Mythos, Muse* exhibition. On Friday nights, see the NGV Great Hall and Garden transformed with live music and bars inspired by McQueen and 1990s London.

UNTIL 23 APRIL

TIME BY RONE

Venture to the abandoned third-floor wing of Flinders Street Station to see this love letter to mid-century Melbourne. Book tickets at rone.art and drop by The Newsagency, located on Flinders Street opposite Degraeves Street, to preview the nostalgic installations. While you're there, browse wares from Melbourne's underground creative network at Mixed Business Store.



UNTIL 23

APRIL

Time by Rone

4 TO 14 MAY

YIRRAMBOI

See stunning artwork and performances at Australia's premier First Nations festival. Don't miss the 'kin' partnership works that highlight cross-cultural connections between Koorie and Palawa peoples.

27 MAY

THE LONG WALK

Head to Federation Square for a festival celebrating First Nations arts and culture, followed by a walk to the MCG as a show of unity and strength towards ending racism.

JUNE

RISING

Take in a surge of art, music, performance and ceremony. Last year's festival delivered 225 events, including 14 world premieres, and employed more than 800 artists. Learn more at rising.melbourne

UNTIL JUNE

A CALL TO ECHO

Dance with an interactive video installation at ArtPlay. Creator Amrita Hepi is a First Nations choreographer who is fascinated by how we use movement to share social connections. Check ArtPlay's social media channels for dates and times.

UNTIL OCTOBER

TEMPLE OF BOOM

Ponder an evocative reimaging of The Parthenon on the Acropolis in Athens by Adam Newman and Kelvin Tsang in the NGV Garden. This is part of a series of ephemeral commissions by Australian architects.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au



Mama Alto (fourth from left) with the Gender Euphoria ensemble

SPIRITS SOAR WITH BOLD NEW ART

Celebrate transgender experience and ponder the dualities of life as bold new theatre, music and visual art fills the city, supported by our Annual Arts Grants.

We've backed more than 1000 artists to push their boundaries and test ideas through 94 arts projects this year.

The projects are expected to attract about 200,000 people to Melbourne, strengthening our creative and economic recovery.

Applications for the program were among the most diverse we've ever seen, with three quarters of applicants coming from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and more than a quarter from artists with disability.

Gender Euphoria: Mighty Real will bring together the largest trans and non-binary cast ever to appear on a main stage at Arts Centre Melbourne from 28 March to 1 April.

This variety-style performance will showcase singers, dancers, circus artists, comedians, actors and poets in an uplifting and inclusive affirmation of power, led by Mama Alto.

'In the arts, we've seen so often trans representation "about" us "without" us - without centering our authentic presence - and we've seen emphasis on our tragedies and traumas,' Mama Alto said.

'But what if we can author our own narratives, and show the euphoria of letting your true spirit soar?

'My vision for the future of trans experience and identity is one where we thrive and flourish, living safely as our full selves, celebrating the unique beauty and joy that every human being contains.'

We're also supporting singer-songwriter Lior to launch a new studio album exploring dualities of identity with performances at Melbourne Recital Centre and intimate, unique venues across town.

'Melbourne is such a rich and diverse city culturally. I love being part of the arts fabric here and to be able to connect with so many interesting and unique artists,' Lior said.

'I think the pandemic has given everyone more of a carpe diem approach to living and I see this translating both into the creation side as well as the hunger and enthusiasm for appreciating the arts in this city.'

Check online for Lior's show dates and locations.



Lior

Other arts grant recipients include:

★ *Oceanic Feeling* by Elena Betros López - a moving image project looking at the Southern Ocean as a place of resilience and abundance in the face of global warming and climate change.

★ *Memory, Material and Cultural Agency* by Brian Martin - a visual art project using living trees and other Aboriginal cultural materials.

★ *Of The Land On Which We Meet* by Na Djinang Circus - a contemporary circus work acknowledging and exploring connection to Country.

★ *Disconnected* by Olivia Muscat - an autobiographical theatre work exploring anxiety and fear in the face of love, loss and connection through a disabled lens.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT melbourne.vic.gov.au/annualartsgiants

BEYOND THE BOOKSHELF: SEVEN WAYS OUR LIBRARIES TRANSFORM LIVES



A modern, multi-purpose space at Library at The Dock

Our libraries are places full of joy and creativity, where the future is now.

Local libraries have evolved in many ways over recent years.

Demand for books remains high, and use of digital resources like ebooks, audiobooks, films, music and games surged during lockdowns. But this is just the tip of the iceberg.

Our library offerings can't be contained by walls or websites. They pop up across the central city and hit the road to visit people in their neighbourhoods

Here are seven special ways to engage with our library services:

1. Look out for our Mel-van mobile library visiting public housing, community hubs and festivals near you with books, workshops and wi-fi in a suitcase. We also bring our 'Books and Biscuits' program to older people, with curated pre-loved books and discussions about short stories, poems, essays and articles.
2. Find pathways out of homelessness thanks to library social worker Erin McKeegan. She helps people in need access the support services they need amid the welcoming, non-clinical library environment.
3. Watch the new Munro Library take shape in close consultation with Traditional Owners and Aboriginal artists. This epic library will be located opposite the iconic Queen Victoria Market.
4. Use state-of-the-art creative technology for free in our makerspaces. Devotees have designed games, 3D-printed lizard skeletons for museum exhibits and prototyped groundbreaking medical devices.
5. Share your love of reading, practice French and learn how to do your tax at online and in-person events. Our book clubs, conversations clubs and life-skills workshops build community and counter isolation.

HOMELESSNESS ZINE

Pick up a copy of the *Need to Know* zine - made by people with lived experience of sleeping rough - from our libraries and community hubs.

6. Borrow technology kits to make your life easier, cheaper and less wasteful. We have microphones, guitar pedals, robotics equipment, laptops and accessibility tools like the C-Pen Reader, which reads text out loud.
7. Co-work, run meetings, tinker on a creative project, shape-up your startup or just make a cuppa at Micro-Labs, a vibrant, flexible space on Bourke Street. Drop by to enjoy a curated library collection, mini makerspace, kitchenette, movable furniture, pop-up shop and cosy courtyard.

Our permanent and pop-up library locations include the central city, East Melbourne, Carlton, North Melbourne, Docklands and Southbank. Head to our website to view the locations and browse catalogues and events.



Local people get creative at the Micro-Labs mini makerspace



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
melbourne.vic.gov.au/libraries

LOVE FOR THE MEL-VAN



Stella with the Mel-van

'It's magic. It means a lot to people. Books and Biscuits is an incredibly stimulating activity that opens up people's minds to new ideas, great chats, and digressions into other fantastic conversations. It's very meaningful and we create real connections through the group interaction and topics.'

Irene, South Yarra Senior Citizens Centre

'The Mel-van brings us books in our language that we can't find anywhere else. They bring games and painting and help us with digital technology like our phones and the internet. The library is very important and we feel very close to the library. We've never had a library visit us every week before.'

Stella, North Melbourne Language and Learning Centre



NEIGHBOURHOOD PORTALS CONNECT COMMUNITIES

Discover a new sense of belonging and help make your suburb the best it can be through our new neighbourhood portals.

The City of Melbourne is made up of unique neighbourhoods – Carlton, Parkville, East Melbourne, West Melbourne, North Melbourne, Kensington, Docklands, South Yarra, Southbank and the CBD.

On any given day, amazing things happen in each of these neighbourhoods.



The Harari Carlton Women's Group

Ethiopian refugees learn and share basket weaving skills in Carlton. A small business owner supports a person in need in North Melbourne. Friendships are forged at a new pocket park in Southbank.

We've launched new neighbourhood portals to help you feel more connected and informed about community groups, events, resources, council projects and opportunities to have your say.

We invited some community champions to explore the neighbourhood portals and share their feedback.

Lisette Malatesta owns the milk-bar style East Melbourne General Store, which invites you to step into yesteryear for a one-stop shop of goods topped off with old-school community kindness.

She said the neighbourhood portals help new and established residents feel welcome and connected, learn about First Nations history, and be part of Council's decision-making process on important topics.

'The portals also support small businesses by increasing community awareness, and remove reliance on community groups by centralising key information on a site with great graphics and functionality,' Lisette said.

'These tools can help us achieve a more connected neighbourhood with more diversity and empathy, increased safety and less loneliness and isolation. A respectful, supportive place "where neighbours become good friends".'



Lisette at East Melbourne General Store

MaryKay Rauma from the Southbank3006 residents' group said there wasn't a comprehensive and up-to-date resource to connect residents prior to the Southbank Neighbourhood Portal.

'The portal is an incredibly valuable tool to set the foundation for creating a connected community. A connected community is a caring community and caring communities thrive.'

MaryKay's favourite features of the portal are the community stories and the interactive map showing local landmarks and services. She hopes the portal will help more locals become active in shaping Southbank's future.

'Quiet, green-lined streets that favour pedestrians over traffic, pocket parks, off-leash areas and community spaces where people can meet, exercise and take classes are critical,' MaryKay said.

'This is the infrastructure that draws humans together.'

Susan Henderson from East Melbourne Neighbour Network agrees that, before the portals, information about what's available in the community was often difficult to find.

POWERFUL RECYCLING RESOLUTIONS

Australians produce about 10 kg of waste per person, per week. Most of this is sent to landfill. To reduce your impact, buy only the things you really need and learn how to recycle right.

Reducing the impact of waste is central to our commitment to take action on climate change, drive the circular economy, plan for a growing city and provide a safe, clean environment where our community can thrive.

We can't do this alone. We need your help to create less waste and ensure all recyclables are managed correctly. Here are some recycling resolutions to start today.

Compost food scraps and garden waste

Let's keep food out of landfill. Take advantage of our new food and garden organics collection, caddies and compostable liners. Waste is composted for use on parks and gardens. We also offer discounted worm farms and home-composting systems.

Refill your cups and containers

Be prepared for Victoria's upcoming ban on single-use plastics. Bring your reusable cup and containers for coffee runs and grocery shopping. Head to Queen Victoria Market to refill containers with everything from wine to fresh pasta, and find water refill stations at melbourne.vic.gov.au/waterfountains

Get it right on bin night

Did you know that greasy pizza boxes and plastic bottle lids can't be recycled? Or that recyclables should be loose, not bagged? Head to recyclemate.com.au to quickly search what goes in what bin, and why.

Save money and reduce food waste

Plan your meals, shop smart, cook waste-free and store food correctly to reduce food waste and save money. Being prepared is the best way to ensure you don't create waste. Head to lovefoodhatewaste.com for recipes and good food habits.

Drop-off your e-waste

The Victorian Government has banned e-waste from landfill, so bring your e-waste (anything with a plug, cord or battery) to a drop-off location listed on our website. Items will be taken apart and recycled for new uses.

Upcycle and repair your clothes

Use the sewing machines at our library makerspaces or attend an upcycling workshop to give garments a new lease on life. Unwanted items in good repair can be donated through local op-shops and charities.

Book a free hard-waste collection

Donate, sell or give away unwanted items wherever possible. For anything left over, you can book one free hard waste collection each year. If you live in a high-rise building, ask your building manager to book a collection for you.

Dispose of chemicals mindfully

Do not put chemicals in your landfill or recycling bin. Drop off unwanted chemicals for free at your closest Detox Your Home collection point to be recycled or disposed of safely.

Want to know more? Head to our website to view an A-Z guide of recyclables, from aerosol cans to zip-lock bags.



'The one-stop for all activities and information is a huge benefit for residents,' Susan said.

'My vision for the future is that each local community will look after its own young, new, older, vulnerable and lonely members, supported by the City of Melbourne.'

Head to our website to explore your neighbourhood portal today. Seven passionate neighbourhood partners are also on hand to hear your feedback and 'connect the dots' to empower local people and guide city projects.



Our friendly neighbourhood partners



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/neighbourhoods



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT melbourne.vic.gov.au/waste



Make a New Year's resolution to get it right on bin night



Minus18's Queer Formal celebrates LGBTQIA+ high-schoolers

QUEER FORMAL BUILDS BELONGING

Shine at a Queer Formal, join an empowering female-led book club and bliss out in a wellbeing garden thanks to local heroes making a difference with Connected Communities Grants.

We provide grants to help schools, non-profits and community groups support the needs and aspirations of diverse communities in the City of Melbourne.

Working together, we can help make our neighbourhoods more connected, equitable and inclusive, and give people a greater sense of belonging.

This year we're supporting a Queer Formal staged by Minus18, an organisation that champions life-affirming inclusion for LGBTQIA+ young people.

Event lead Miller Soding said the formal will feature DJs, drag artists, singers and dancers, a dinner and a non-stop dance floor, alongside fun activities designed to help attendees make friends and affirm their identity.

'Queer Formal is a sparkly, unforgettable night where high school-aged LGBTQIA+ young people can dress up, bring a date

and feel celebrated and part of a community. It's an electric night of queer youth joy,' Miller said.

'The event gives young people a chance to be themselves without worrying about experiencing bullying or feelings of isolation, that they may experience at their own high-school formal.

'We created this night so everyone who attends can feel beautiful and proud, and so that they'll remember this pivotal time in their life in a positive, affirming way.'

The Queer Formal will take place on Saturday 1 July at National Gallery Victoria. Learn more at minus18.org.au



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT melbourne.vic.gov.au/communitygrants

MEET MORE GRANT WINNERS

Here are a few more of the exceptional projects we're supporting with Connected Communities Grants in 2023:

- **Meals with Impact** will provide jobs and training for new migrant women and culturally appropriate meals for people experiencing food insecurity through the Magpie Meals Project.
- **Hotham Mission** will launch a female-led book club called 'WomEmpower' at North Melbourne Library.
- **Circus Nexus** will bring people together through its Team Turbo project.
- **Gotcha4Life Foundation** will help build mental fitness in our municipality.
- **The Salvation Army** will build a wellbeing garden on Melrose Street in North Melbourne.

PURPOSE PRECINCT

Head to String Bean Alley at Queen Victoria Market to discover a new Purpose Precinct. A partnership with Good Cycles and STREAT, the hub brings together unique products and services from more than 20 Victorian social enterprises such as Clothing the Gaps and HoMie. Learn more at qvm.com.au

CAR SHARE BOOM

Save money by joining the 45 per cent of people who live car-free in the City of Melbourne. There are more than 600 cars available from providers like Uber Carshare, GoGet and Flexicar so you can find wheels for quick trips, access delivery vehicles for your business and explore Victoria then park back at the door of city attractions.

OUT AND ABOUT GUIDE

Pick up a copy of our activity guide for older people, their carers, families and friends at your local library, neighbourhood centre or community hub. *Out and About* features free or low-cost local events and activities that promote healthy ageing, from tai chi to quiet time in a sensory garden.

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING

Learn how to plan for your future health care and appoint someone to make decisions on your behalf from an expert on Thursday 23 March. Visit bit.ly/acp2023 to register for this free Advance Care Planning webinar. To view all our services and social events for older people, go to melbourne.vic.gov.au/olderpeople

IMMUNISATION CHANGES

Our maternal and child health team provides holistic care for babies and parents. However, we no longer offer child immunisations during regular check-ups. To learn how to book these through one of our community immunisation sessions, visit melbourne.vic.gov.au/immunisation

YOUR COUNCIL



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Council meetings

We hold the second Future Melbourne Committee meeting of each month in community locations across the municipality. This shines a light on the unique needs of each neighbourhood and makes it easier for local people to engage with councillors and staff.



To view all upcoming meeting dates and locations, visit
melbourne.vic.gov.au/aboutcouncil

FEBRUARY			
Future Melbourne Committee	Tuesday 7 February	5.30pm	Melbourne Town Hall
Future Melbourne Committee	Tuesday 21 February	6pm	Treacy Centre, Parkville
Council	Tuesday 28 February	5.30pm	Melbourne Town Hall
MARCH			
Future Melbourne Committee	Tuesday 7 March	5.30pm	Melbourne Town Hall
Future Melbourne Committee	Tuesday 21 March	6pm	West Melbourne Baptist Church and Community Centre
Council	Tuesday 28 March	5.30pm	Melbourne Town Hall



Swordcraft devotees celebrate the opening of Western Pavilion at Royal Park with Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Cr Davydd Griffiths, Cr Jamal Hakim and Cr Dr Olivia Ball

FUN WAYS TO KEEP FIT

Learn to skate, have a go at padel tennis and join a poolside pride party in your neighbourhood.

There are numerous ways to keep fit in your local area, from visiting our state-of-the-art recreation centres to playing club sports.

Here are just a few ways to move it your way.

Head to the half-pipe

Skate, scoot and ride your BMX at the Kensington and Riverside skate parks. Check out skate lessons and competitions for all ages and genders during school holidays and beyond.

Join a poolside pride party

Grab your swimmers and head to Carlton Baths for a Pride Party during Midsumma Festival on 29 January from 4pm to 8pm. Expect music, entertainment and fitness classes galore.

Discover blind cricket

Drop by Fawkner Park where talented cricketers with vision impairment hit sixes. We've recently adapted a small oval into a competition-standard pitch for weekly blind cricket games.

Slam dunk at streetball

Join in or volunteer with Y Streetball at North Melbourne Community Centre. This feel-good program invites people experiencing hardship, homelessness or disadvantage to get active, and offers free meals and showers.

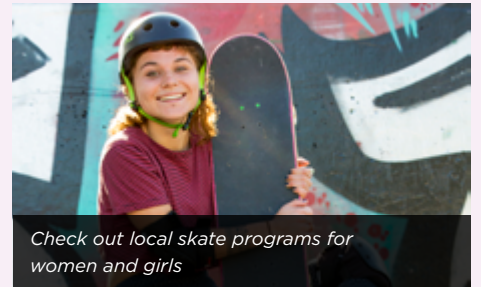
Go pro with a padel

Lob over to Shed 21 in Docklands to join the padel tennis craze. This fun and inclusive racquet sport is the world's fastest-growing form of tennis, and Melbourne's waterside courts are second-to-none.

Tee off at Royal Park

Challenge par at Parkville. The reinvigorated Royal Park Golf Course offers lush surrounds, casual golfing, golf lessons and a new online booking system.

Details of all these activities and many more can be found on our website.



Check out local skate programs for women and girls



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