

# MELBOURNE

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COUNCIL PLAN  
AND BUDGET

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**Cover:** Outdoor dining at Petanque Social, Crown Riverwalk, Southbank.

## LORD MAYOR'S MESSAGE



**This year has been all about bringing back the buzz to Melbourne following lockdowns and restrictions.**

The City of Melbourne is doing everything in its power to help people and businesses, both big and small, weather the COVID-19 storm.

Our city businesses are critical to the fabric of our city. We need to work together to help our business owners and their teams which in turn will make sure our city returns to its vibrant and thriving best.

So far this year we've had outdoor dining, Docklands Dollars, Carlton Cash and most recently the Melbourne Money program, all designed to make it even more irresistible for city visitors and workers to spend time in our municipality.

I'm delighted to say that all these programs were a runaway success, with patrons spending up on food and drinks at restaurants, cafes, pubs and at hospitality venues across the city. This also provided a boost to other city businesses including retail and entertainment.

The \$100 million Melbourne City Recovery Fund and the \$200 million Melbourne City Revitalisation Fund are valuable partnerships with the Victorian Government to boost confidence across our municipality by supporting initiatives that attract and engage locals, visitors and workers.

We have also recently finalised the City of Melbourne Council Plan 2021–25. The Council Plan sets out our strategic direction and commitment to the community for the next four years, including what we will deliver, how we will deliver it and how we will measure progress.

We're starting that delivery immediately with our biggest ever investment in infrastructure as part of our 2021–22 Budget, which was endorsed by Council on 29 June.

These projects will deliver more than 2800 jobs when we need them most, but will also set the city up for prosperity and liveability for generations to come.

As part of the record \$244.7 million capital works investment we will spend a massive \$114.1 million on new infrastructure such as footpaths and roadways, more than \$44.2 million on renewing assets, \$72.3 million on upgrade and expansion works.

Exciting, city defining, projects to look out for include the Greenline, Queen Victoria Market precinct renewal and the Kensington Community and Recreation Centre redevelopment.

Plus our city services have not missed out with important investments in new books for our many wonderful libraries, as well as ongoing support for our community hubs, child care centres, and maternal and child health services. All of which contribute towards building a thriving, happy and healthy community.

While we have the programs, projects and finances lined up to help our city, we can all play a role in protecting our city's future. So as we enter the second half of the year, let's all do our bit to help Melbourne.

Let's get vaccinated, let's come back into the office and let's treat ourselves to that extra cup of coffee with colleagues, that special night out with friends, or that new jumper for winter, because every effort we make will make a difference to business owners devising whether they can keep their doors open and keep their teams employed.

I hope you will join me on this important journey and I can't wait to see you in the city.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp

The City of Melbourne respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Bunurong Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung peoples of the Eastern Kulin Nation and pays respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. 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.

# REDISCOVER MELBOURNE THIS WINTER

**Step out in Melbourne during the cooler months to enjoy world-class dining and entertainment and support local businesses as they adapt and evolve in response to COVID-19.**

In the first half of 2021, Melburnians enjoyed reimagined versions of events of all sizes, from insightful orations at Melbourne Knowledge Week to conversation-starting live theatre at Arts House.

During winter, you can feast your eyes on French impressionism at the NGV, cosy up in an igloo at Federation Square, indulge your inner child at an epic Disney exhibition at ACMI, and much more.

## WHAT'S ON MELBOURNE NEWSLETTER

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Meanwhile, Melburnians will continue to dine al fresco along footpaths and in 'parklets', parks and laneways with an ongoing outdoor dining model endorsed by Council.

Our \$7.68 million investment in outdoor dining in response to COVID-19 has boosted business revenue, created

100 new jobs, and allowed for 18,000 additional restaurant seats.

This is just one of a multitude of projects we are delivering to help reactivate Melbourne, including creating 40 km of new bike lanes and making 'little streets' more pedestrian-friendly.

Many of these initiatives are being delivered through the \$100 million Melbourne City Recovery Fund, a partnership between the City of Melbourne and the Victorian Government.

### Return of the red coats

If you need help planning your next Melbourne adventure, stop to chat to one of our beloved city ambassadors, who are returning to our streets in their distinctive red coats to offer expert advice.

Councillor Roshena Campbell, who leads the City Activation portfolio, said the city ambassadors are playing an important role as pedestrian activity increases.

'Everything we can do to make Melbourne more inviting and welcoming helps businesses to recover from the worst trading conditions in living memory,' Cr Campbell said.

'Our volunteers are back on the streets in their vibrant red coats helping people find their way, discover new attractions and access tips and hints about what to do and where to go.'



*Get expert advice on things to see and do from our city ambassadors*

Look out for the red coats in the Federation Square forecourt, and at visitor hubs in Bourke Street Mall, Melbourne Town Hall, Fitzroy Gardens, and the Queen Victoria Market.

You can also book a virtual consultation with tourism staff.

**Event details, hospitality offerings and visitor services may change as COVID-19 restrictions evolve. Please visit us online for updates.**



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## TOP TIPS FOR PHOTOGRAPHING MELBOURNE

**Fall in love with Melbourne all over again through your camera lens with wisdom from passionate local photographer Jim Zapsalis.**

'Melbourne is a photographer's delight,' Jim said.

'Our iconic trams, stunning Flinders Street Station, graffiti-inspired laneways, the many gorgeous tree-lined boulevards, stunning architecture, the beautiful Yarra River... the list is endless really.

'Not to forget that we are also blessed with some amazing sunrises and sunsets.'

Here are Jim's top tips for photographing Melbourne:

1. Take photos at different times of the day. The shadows (or lack of them) can dramatically improve a shot.
2. Take 5, 10 and even 50 steps back from your favourite spot and you'll be surprised how your frame can alter and improve.

Check out [@walkingperspective](https://www.instagram.com/walkingperspective) on Instagram to see more of Jim's photography.



*The Webb Bridge in Docklands*

*Photo: Jim Zapsalis*

## YOUR SAY

We are super excited to share that we have been chosen to be a recipient of the @cityofmelbourne Circular Economy Innovation Grant. We appreciate the support we have received from all involved & look forward to working with Circular Economy Victoria!  
**@hyyroapp**

How do we encourage people to consume resources more responsibly within the CBD? This was the question posed to young social innovators at the Youth Eco Design Thinking Challenge as part of @melbknowledgewk. Thanks to @cityofmelbourne and @CQUni for collaborating with us. #MKW21  
**@ychangeagents**

The @cityofmelbourne involved residents in its project to rethink the way #SmartCities are built. A great initiative to put citizens' needs first to shape the cities of tomorrow!  
**@bernard\_tabary**

Great to have a chance to join @cityofmelbourne's brand new Night-time Economy Advisory Committee representing @UniMelb @networkedcities, along with @TerraInteralia from @MonashUni @xyxlab. Watch this (night) space.  
**@MicheleAcuto**



### Book your COVID-19 vaccine now

If you are eligible, now is the time to book in for your COVID-19 vaccine. To learn more and find a vaccination centre near you, visit

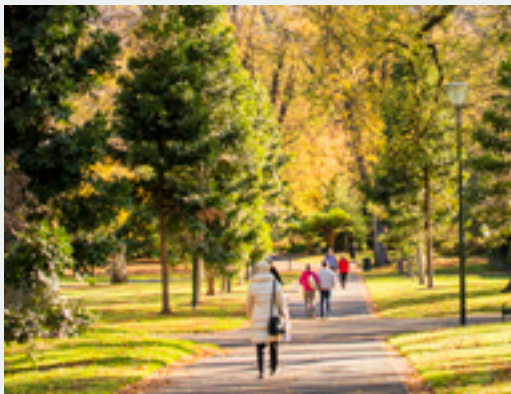
**[coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine)**

### Enterprize Park upgrades

Join an Aboriginal cultural tour or just relax by the river at Enterprize Park. Works to expand the lawn, reinstate native vegetation, install new seating and create accessible pathways will be completed in August.

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

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



### Keep in touch

Visit our website for the latest information about any changes to our services and facilities, what's open, what's closed and what we're doing to support the community through COVID-19.  
**[melbourne.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](https://melbourne.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)**

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## NEW PLAYGROUNDS

Bring the kids to test out two new playgrounds in Kensington and Carlton.

The new playground at JJ Holland Park in Kensington is designed to provide more opportunities for diverse play and social gatherings. Stay a while to enjoy play spaces for all age groups, make use of the new barbecue facilities and gather in the new meeting area.

Over in Carlton, the leafy new playground at Lincoln Square (pictured) features tall play towers high up amid the tree canopy, a suspended rope bridge, large tunnel slide and equipment suitable for all ages and abilities.

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

# NEW BIN FOR FOOD AND GARDEN WASTE

**Learn how to use your new lime-green bin and kitchen caddy like a pro to do your bit for the planet.**

We are introducing a new food and garden waste collection service to help local residents reduce the amount of waste going to landfill, as part of our Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030.

More than 9000 stand-alone and low-rise homes have already received a new food and garden waste bin with a lime-green lid, a kitchen caddy and their first supply of compostable bin liners.

This is the initial stage of a service that will be rolled out across the municipality over the next two to four years.

Data from the first group of homes will help us understand and meet the challenge of collecting food and garden waste from more multi-unit dwellings and high-rise properties.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp said food and garden waste makes up almost 50 per cent of waste sent to landfill by local residents, which creates emissions that contribute to climate change.

**‘We are investing \$1 million in establishing this new service, which will also create five jobs.’**

‘Every tonne of food waste we can prevent from ending up in landfill is better for the environment and also reduces the cost of dumping into our landfills,’ the Lord Mayor said.

‘This is a practical way that we can encourage residents to become more sustainable by providing a food and garden waste collection service.

‘We are investing \$1 million in establishing this new service, which will also create five jobs.’

Food and garden waste collected will be repurposed as mulch and compost for parks and gardens.

## LOVE FOOD HATE WASTE

The best way to reduce waste is to avoid creating it in the first place, so cook to a meal plan, get creative with leftovers and store food correctly to avoid spoilage. Find out more at [sustainability.vic.gov.au/love-food-hate-waste](https://sustainability.vic.gov.au/love-food-hate-waste)

If your food and garden waste collection has not yet started, you can still start impactful new habits with a discounted home composting system, worm farm or bokashi bucket, or by joining your local composting community.



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

## WHAT GOES IN THE FOOD AND GARDEN WASTE BINS?

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ✓ fruit and vegetable scraps (including citrus, onion, garlic, herbs, spices) | ✗ plastic bags                                                     |
| ✓ all processed food                                                          | ✗ biodegradable bags and packaging                                 |
| ✓ solid dairy products (butter, cheese)                                       | ✗ tea bags                                                         |
| ✓ meat, fish and bones                                                        | ✗ liquids including cooking oil                                    |
| ✓ loose coffee grounds and tea leaves                                         | ✗ recyclables (paper, cardboard, aluminium, steel and glass items) |
| ✓ coffee filter paper                                                         | ✗ soft plastics (cling wrap, chip packets)                         |
| ✓ paper bags, napkins, plates and towels                                      | ✗ coffee pods and coffee cups (including biodegradable items)      |
| ✓ grass and garden cuttings                                                   | ✗ cotton wool, cotton wool buds                                    |
| ✓ cut flowers                                                                 | ✗ animal poo and kitty litter                                      |
| ✓ toothpicks                                                                  | ✗ vacuum dust                                                      |
| ✓ human hair and animal hair                                                  | ✗ cigarette butts                                                  |
| ✓ dryer lint                                                                  |                                                                    |

This is just a snapshot of what can and can't go in the new bins. Find out more on our website.



*We're sending less waste to landfill thanks to our new weekly food and garden waste collection*



Missy La'Minx, Sasha Starr and Bae L'amour at Midsumma Festival Live at the Bowl

Photo: Suzanne Balding

# MIGHTY MELBURNIANS PROMOTE CARE AND COMPASSION

**For nearly 20 years, the Melbourne Awards have been our city's highest accolade, celebrating inspirational people who dedicate their time and energy to make Melbourne a world-leader.**

We recently caught up with past winners, who work in diverse fields, to see how their organisations are evolving in response to COVID-19.

## Midsumma

Karen Bryant is the CEO of Midsumma, Australia's premier LGBTQIA+ cultural festival and the winner of a Melbourne Award in 2019. The first lockdown began just after one of the team's best-ever festivals in 2020.

'Many people in our communities have experienced isolation – from families, workplaces and social spaces – so having safe venues and support networks taken away during COVID was a trigger for re-experiencing past trauma for many,' Karen said.

'We initially set to work to create a safe, meaningful online space on our website where people could access information in one place, connect and share stories and art.

'Even though, after many iterations of plans, we were able to present another great in-person festival in 2021 amid glorious weather, we are still in a pandemic and need to reactivate and adapt within this environment.

'Looking to the future, I hope we can learn to get along better with each other, understand and champion differences, and fight injustice and discrimination with respect and graciousness for people with different perspectives or lived experiences to our own.'

## Youth Projects

Melanie Raymond OAM is the Chair of homeless support agency Youth Projects, which won a Melbourne Award in 2010.

Since its win, Youth Projects has continued its mission in earnest, including launching a night-outreach nursing program and significantly expanding its employment services.

'We see the "giving" side of Melbourne all the time. There is a high-level of concern and care for people on the margins and immense curiosity about what solutions can be found,' Melanie said.

'The initiatives to house people sleeping rough during the pandemic showed that we can move quickly on this issue in an emergency, and this creative and collaborative work continues today.

'For many people in Melbourne, their isolation and marginalisation existed pre-COVID. Let's hope post-COVID we see more effort to connect people in meaningful ways.

'This is vital to improving mental health, and community-based answers are there for us to implement.'

## MELBOURNE AWARDS 2021

Stay tuned for the announcement of this year's Melbourne Awards finalists in October. In November, there will be an awards ceremony and a televised event on Channel 9 to announce the winners.



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# A CITY OF POSSIBILITY YOUR GUIDE TO OUR COUNCIL PLAN AND BUDGET



# DELIVERING FOR THE COMMUNITY – OUR NEW COUNCIL PLAN

After a year of significant disruption, the City of Melbourne has been working closely with the community to deliver the services and support that people need now, while developing a plan that reflects the community's aspirations and priorities for Melbourne's future.

In late June, the Melbourne City Council — the Lord Mayor, the Deputy Lord Mayor and nine councillors — endorsed the Council Plan 2021–25, which sets out what Council will achieve during its four-year term to further the community's vision for Melbourne.

This four-year plan is delivered in yearly increments — the first of which is the Budget 2021–22 — which details the Council's funded activities for the coming financial year. The Budget was also endorsed by Council in late June, after a period of community feedback.

## Planning for the future

The Council Plan brings together recent community insights to help us preserve and progress the city in six key areas:

### 1 Economy of the future

Building a strong and adaptive city economy and a sustainable future city.

### 2 Melbourne's unique identity and place

Celebrating the places, people and cultures that make this a vibrant and creative city.

### 3 Safety and wellbeing

Ensuring everyone feels safe and included as they participate in community life.

### 4 Access and affordability

Reducing inequality by ensuring access to housing, core services and information.

### 5 Climate and biodiversity emergency

Acting immediately to reduce our emissions and waste, and adapt to climate change.

### 6 Aboriginal Melbourne

Ensuring that First Peoples' culture, lore, knowledge and heritage enrich the city's growth and development.

These six key areas will be brought to life with initiatives such as support to help businesses adapt and thrive, infrastructure and capital works projects, improvements to recreation facilities and more.

As always, we will continue to deliver all council services including waste and recycling collection, library and community services, maternal and child health services and many more.

The Council Plan is a 'living document' and Council will report to the community on progress made, as well as any adjustments needed to meet our targets or adapt to new circumstances.





## A LONG-TERM VISION

Also included in the Council Plan is the Community Vision — your 10-year vision for the city.

In March and April of this year, we heard from more than 1400 people who live, work, study, visit or own a business in the municipality, to prioritise the community aspirations that were most important to them. Their insights informed the Community Vision, which is a refresh of Future Melbourne 2026, our existing 10-year vision for the city that was released in 2016.

Overall, the community's aspirations were for a city that:

- is healthy and safe
- considers climate change in everything that we do
- is inclusive, accessible and affordable.

Over our annual, four-year and 10-year plans, we will work closely with the community, and partner with other levels of government, as well as the public and private sectors, to realise this vision.



## A HEALTHY CITY FOR ALL

As part of the Council Plan, every four years we include an approach for how we will support our city's health and wellbeing. A liveable city is a healthy city and, since the last plan was created in 2017, Melbourne has gone through immense change. Last year we completed an extensive review that highlighted key issues for health and wellbeing. In March this year we asked Melburnians to help us rank these topics and share whether anything was missed.

This feedback, along with data and insights, has shaped the focus areas for our Health and Wellbeing Plan: public health and safety, housing and homelessness, and mental wellbeing. These topics have been integrated into the Council Plan 2021–25, and are the ongoing focus of many services and programs we provide to the community.



# BUDGET INVESTS IN STRONGER ECONOMY

**A rates discount, a boost for recreational facilities, job creation through capital works and a new recycling program are highlights of the City of Melbourne's Budget 2021–22, which was endorsed by Council at the end of June.**

After helping to steer the city through tough times, the City of Melbourne has a detailed plan to lead Melbourne's recovery from the global pandemic.

The \$789.9 million city-shaping Budget puts people first and delivers essential services and programs to rebuild and strengthen the local economy.

Record infrastructure spending of \$244.7 million will create jobs now and set the city up for future generations, while a \$21.5 million investment in events will attract people back to the city and boost business across the municipality.

## Economic recovery

The City of Melbourne has achieved a \$31 million turnaround since delivering a \$57.4 million deficit in last year's COVID-19 recovery budget, with a forecast deficit of \$26.2 million for 2021–22.

We've stepped up to support our business community as it faces the toughest trading conditions in decades.

We are proud of our response to COVID-19 — and we believe the city is emerging in better shape because of our economic stimulus support and fast action to deliver inventive programs like expanded outdoor dining.

We're focused on drawing more people in, bringing back the buzz and making sure the city remains a great place to live, work, visit and do business.

Our core services remain a priority — these include waste and recycling services, keeping the streets clean, and providing community services such as libraries, maternal and child health support, childcare, and support for older people.

In addition, the Budget includes significant progress on city-shaping projects. We're working to progress Greenline which will deliver one of the biggest transformations of the city since the opening of Federation Square in 2002. We want the Yarra River's northern bank to become one of the city's premier destinations for workers, residents and visitors.

The Queen Victoria Market precinct renewal is well underway and the Brens Pavilion in Royal Park is to be upgraded. We're also investing more than \$10 million in the Kensington Community Recreation Centre redevelopment, which is due for completion in 2022.

## Reducing waste and cleaning the city

We will invest more than \$50 million to get rid of waste, clean the city, remove graffiti, and improve lighting and safety.

Our bread-and-butter operations are essential to keeping our city running smoothly — we collected 45,000 tonnes

of waste and recycling last year, which included more than 10,000 mattresses and 5 million cigarette butts.

For the first time we're introducing a food and organic waste collection, which will reduce landfill and create compost that can be used on our parks and gardens.

## Keeping rates low

After delivering a recovery Budget last year that included a freeze on rate increases, this year we are continuing to keep rates low.

In recognition of the ongoing impacts of COVID-19, and to support businesses and the community during the city's recovery, we have made the unprecedented decision to absorb this year's 1.5 per cent rate increase by applying a rates discount. The City of Melbourne will surrender \$4.8 million in rates revenue by applying the rates discount.

## FAST FACTS

- Total Budget 2021–22: **\$789.9 million**
- Record infrastructure investment: **\$244.7 million**
- Rates discount: **\$4.8 million** surrendered in revenue
- Deficit: **\$26.9 million**
- Return to surplus: 2022–23
- Borrowings: **\$147.7 million**.

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## KEEP IN TOUCH

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Photo: Pat Rose, Haig Park Experiments, 2019

Discover three tech projects designed to make Melbourne more inclusive and connected

# SMART TECH SET TO REIMAGINE THE CITY

**Be inspired by some of Melbourne's brightest minds as they develop ground-breaking ideas that won our Reimagining the City Challenge.**

We awarded three groups a total of \$180,000 to develop ideas that make city experiences and places more vibrant and inclusive, promoting social connection and creating new reasons to live, work and play in Melbourne.

The winning projects, which will be delivered this year, include MV Arcade, which will enable diverse people to play socially-distanced versions of classic arcade games in our parks and gardens, reimagining how we use open space.

Another project, Micro-Labs, will use big data to help small businesses and community groups design and test flexible layouts depending on the time of day and week.

The final project, Social Spaces, will also use big data alongside community-led design to create and build more inclusive and attractive public spaces.

'We couldn't be more excited that our solution, MV Arcade, was selected as a winner of the Reimagine the City Challenge. This world-first digital experience will see the public immersed in new artist events and playing classic arcade games by using their body as the controller. We can't wait for the fun to begin.'

**Danny Smith**  
**SAGE Automation**

'Micro-Labs addresses some of the biggest challenges our cities face today – bridging the digital divide and activating empty streets. We are very excited to work with the City of Melbourne on this new paradigm that reimagines vacant shopfronts and urban streets towards a more equitable and liveable future.'

**Sarah Fayad**  
**AECOM**

'Our project begins with two central questions: "How has the way we use our neighbourhoods changed during the pandemic?" and "how can public spaces change to make us feel safer and more connected?" Social Spaces will answer these questions through data-driven design, and deliver a tangible solution that makes the space more social and joyful.'

**Aliza Levy**  
**Inhabit Place**

## Emerging technology testbeds

The Reimagining the City Challenge is part of our Emerging Technology Testbed program, through which we are working with the community, businesses and industry to trial new technologies in our city.

This includes coordinating activity towards enabling 5G across the municipality. 5G networks are important to prepare Melbourne for future technologies such as telehealth, intelligent transport systems and smart energy systems.

In partnership with industry and community, we continue to develop and iterate on ways of working together that enable the trialling of emerging technology, including protocols for data sharing, security and infrastructure design.

Visit us online for updates on exciting tech projects that address city problems and opportunities, and how to get involved in their development.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT**  
**[participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/emerging-tech-testbed](https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/emerging-tech-testbed)**

## 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.

**7 TO 11 JULY**

### SYSTEM\_ERROR

Experience a sound performance work for bodies and conductive tape by Chamber Made at Arts House in North Melbourne.

**16 TO 17 JULY**

### BASTILLE DAY FRENCH FESTIVAL

Escape to France at Federation Square as this popular festival brings joie de vivre to Melbourne this winter.

**16 TO 17 JULY**

### SINK + MULCH UNDERGROUND

Experience a back-to-back night of performances from the sonic underground at Arts House.

### \$20 TICKETS AT ARTS HOUSE

Tickets to all shows at Arts House in North Melbourne are now \$20 – a COVID-19 recovery initiative to ensure our shows are as accessible as possible to everyone in the community. Browse what's on and book tickets at [artshouse.com.au](http://artshouse.com.au)

**21 JULY**

### VISIONS FOR THE CBD

Join expert planners, designers and city-dwellers for an online discussion about how we can make our city more sustainable, wise and connected. Find out more at [melbourne.vic.gov.au/melbourneconversations](http://melbourne.vic.gov.au/melbourneconversations)



OCT

**29-31**

*Arriba! Melbourne Mexican Festival*

**24 AND 25 JULY**

### OPEN HOUSE MELBOURNE WEEKEND

Reconnect with your city through building tours, architecture talks and virtual experiences. Most events are free. Booking essential.

**FROM AUGUST**

### NEW IDEAS LAB PROJECTS

Unleash your kids to sculpt indoor playgrounds out of earth, explore their connection to culture by choosing an animal totem and co-create a sketch-comedy show about weird and wonderful creatures. At ArtPlay until May 2022.

**7 TO 8 AUGUST**

### INDIAN MELA

Feast on traditional, warming winter cuisines from India. Undercover at Queen Victoria Market.

**12 TO 21 AUGUST**

### INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL OF MELBOURNE

Experience 10 days of cinema and cultural events across the city that bring people together through the arts.

**18 TO 22 AUGUST**

### JURRUNGU NGAN-GA [STRAIGHT TALK]

Experience dance as resistance as Marrugeku tears down walls at Arts House.

**20 TO 29 AUGUST**

### MELBOURNE FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL: WINTER EDITION

Experience top-chef talent, family-friendly feasts, a plant-based party and 150 events that'll have you embracing winter in Australia's dining capital. Various locations.

**FROM 27 AUGUST**

### SAMPLING THE FUTURE

Take in large-scale installations, thought-provoking objects, sound and film from some of Australia's leading experimental and speculative designers. At the Ian Potter Centre until 6 February 2022.

**1 TO 12 SEPTEMBER**

### YES

Head to Arts House to watch a theatrical inquiry into the impossible task of seeking the truth.

**FROM 1 OCTOBER**

### TRANSFORMING WORLDS: CHANGE AND TRADITION IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA

Discover unique artistic traditions developed by diverse Indian communities. At NGV until 27 February 2022.

**FROM 8 OCTOBER**

### ROSALIE GASCOIGNE | LORRAINE CONNELLY-NORTHEY

See found and discarded objects transformed into surprising and beautiful works of art by two important Australian artists. At the Ian Potter Centre until 20 February 2022.

**9 OCTOBER**

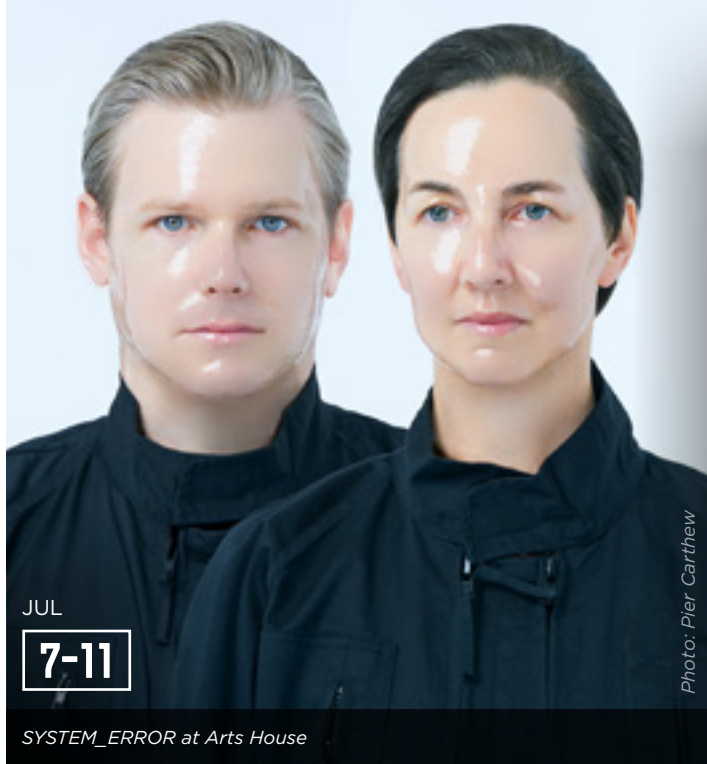
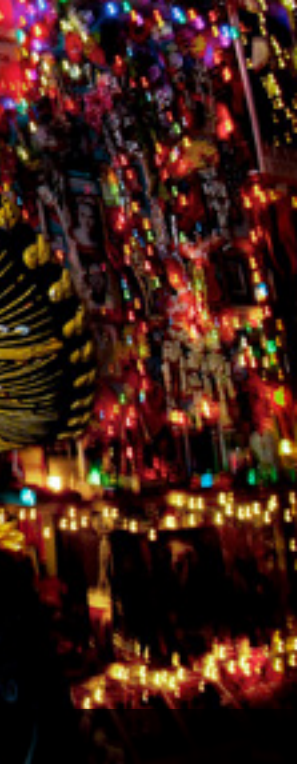
### MELBOURNE HARMONY FESTIVAL

Immerse yourself in eastern Mediterranean culture at Federation Square, including performances from communities with Greek, Turkish, Syrian, Bulgarian and Egyptian heritage.

**28 TO 31 OCTOBER**

### I AM NATURE

Explore the lives of Indigenous Australian animals through projections, natural materials, movement, song and storytelling. Online and in-real-life at ArtPlay for Children's Week.



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SYSTEM\_ERROR at Arts House

Photo: Pier Carthew



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Melbourne Food and Wine Festival

Photo: Josh Robenstone

29 TO 31 OCTOBER

ARRIBA! MELBOURNE MEXICAN FESTIVAL

Celebrate the 'Day of the Dead' with Mexican cuisine, folklore, dance, music, bright costumes, and mariachi music in the Flagstaff Gardens.

11 TO 28 NOVEMBER

NIGHT NOODLE MARKETS

Indulge in sweet and spicy street food from China, Vietnam, Thailand and beyond at a vibrant hawker-style market on the banks of the Birrarung.

18 TO 21 NOVEMBER

FORMULA 1® ROLEX AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX

Feel the buzz of fast cars and a festival atmosphere across the city, featuring food, music, high-end hospitality and fun for the whole family.

18 TO 19 DECEMBER

FAIR@SQUARE ETHICAL LIFESTYLE FESTIVAL

Find out how to live local and do your bit for the planet amid vibrant markets, insightful workshops, free activities and entertainment at the Immigration Museum.

FROM 19 NOVEMBER

BARK LADIES

Explore the NGV's collection of extraordinary artwork by Yolngu women artists from the Buku Larrngay Mulka Centre (Buku), in Northeast Arnhem Land. Until 1 May 2022.



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

# DREAM FACTORY

Step behind the scenes of the General Motors Holden Technical Centre – the powerhouse industrial design studio that operated in Fishermans Bend from 1964 to 2020.

*Dream Factory*, a free exhibition at City Gallery, gives us a glimpse into the working lives of nine automotive designers and the powerful, collaborative culture they enjoyed at GMH over nearly 60 years.

Curator Harriet Edquist has assembled sketches, quotes and artwork that reveal the unique community of practice behind GMH's iconic designs, from Australian classics to contemporary concept cars.

'*Dream Factory* explores the Technical Centre as a collaborative space – more of a community than a design studio,' said Harriet, who is Emeritus Professor in RMIT's School of Architecture and Urban Design.

'GMH also had strong international connections. While the team had to design cars to be tough to withstand the harsh Australian environment, the Docklands centre was part of a global corporation.

'Ideas and staff were shared across the world – with America, Germany, the United Kingdom, South Korea and China. The Australian designers had a great work ethic and were highly regarded as part of these global teams.'

You can visit *Dream Factory* from 9am to 5pm on weekdays until Tuesday 31 August. City Gallery is located at Melbourne Town Hall on Swanston Street, between Collins and Little Collins streets.



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



The General Motors Holden styling studio, circa 1975

Photo: RMIT Design Archives

# TOP TIPS FOR WINTER FITNESS



Get back to your favourite sport this winter

## Stay well during the colder months with your choice of exercise at our welcoming recreation centres and sporting facilities.

Whether you want to tear around the squash court, take a leisurely dip in a heated pool, join a friendly sports team or anything in between, there's something for you.

Here's a small sample of what's on offer in your neighbourhood:

### 1 Community sport

Get back to your favourite sport, or try something new, with the return of tennis, bowls, rowing and community teams. Visit us online to book a court or browse clubs, from rugby to live-action role play.

### 2 Accessible fitness

Need a little support? We offer free group classes for people of all ages and abilities, including yoga, Zumba, and maternity pilates. Call 9376 1633 to enquire at Kensington Community Recreation Centre.

### 3 Virtual classes

Get fit from the comfort of home with oodles of free virtual classes for all fitness levels. To get started, browse what's on offer at [virtually.ymca.org.au](http://virtually.ymca.org.au) or download the Active Melbourne app.

### 4 Women's sport

Enjoy a women-only workout at Kensington Recreation Centre every Friday from 8pm to 9pm. Spend time in the gym, have a swim or sweat it out on the basketball court.

### 5 Skate skills

Show off your moves or marvel at the cool kids in action at Riverslide Skate Park. Learn to skate at regular coaching sessions, including dedicated sessions for girls and beginners.

### 6 Waterfront walks

Walk along the water's edge at Docklands to get a whole new perspective on the city. While you're there, say hello to our marina staff as they monitor the pontoons and vessels, whatever the weather.

## ARE YOU A PERSONAL TRAINER?

We are looking for qualified personal trainers to provide training to our members at Melbourne City Baths. Enquire today if you are interested in leasing a space.

Keep in touch with the latest news and events by becoming an Active Melbourne member. Members can access facilities across the municipality and make bookings easily on the Active Melbourne app.

**Please note that access to recreation facilities and services may change as COVID-19 restrictions evolve. Please check online for updates.**



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## SHOP LOCAL

We're helping local businesses bounce back with \$100,000 Precinct Activation grants as part of the \$100 million Melbourne City Recovery Fund, a partnership with the Victorian Government. Want to support local traders? Subscribe to the What's On Melbourne newsletter for top tips on shopping, retail, dining and events.

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## WELLBEING SUPPORT

Our Community Support Directory is a resource for anyone whose health and wellbeing has been affected during the COVID-19 pandemic. It provides information and contact details for mental health support, financial services, food relief, housing assistance, medical services and more.

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## SELF-GUIDED WALKS

Explore the city at your own pace with our new suite of self-guided walks. The new maps are a great way to explore gardens, laneways, street arts and hidden gems in the city and inner suburbs.

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## INNER-CITY BUSINESS SUPPORT

Get access to free support and workshops to help your inner-city business adapt and grow. To find out more, contact our Business Concierge team on 9658 9658 (press 1 for business) or visit us online, and subscribe to our Business in Melbourne newsletter for regular updates.

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## NO MORE LIBRARY FINES

Our libraries no longer issue fines for overdue items. We put all library fines on hold during 2020 and this will continue to make sure everyone can enjoy our library services. Please continue to return items in a timely manner.

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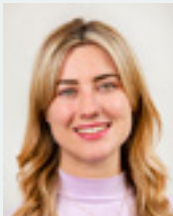
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JULY		
Future Melbourne Committee	Tuesday 6 July	5.30pm
Future Melbourne Committee	Tuesday 20 July	5.30pm
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Future Melbourne Committee	Tuesday 3 August	5.30pm
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# GREEN DESIGNS FOR NORTHBANK

**Imagine strolling through four kilometres of connected parklands rich with art, culture, food and entertainment along the northern bank of the Birrarung or Yarra River.**

Our plans for the Greenline initiative stretch from Birrarung Marr to the Bolte Bridge, featuring park upgrades, new pedestrian bridges and boardwalks, native plantings and better recognition of the river's history.

The series of projects is expected to cost up to \$300 million, with funding contributions to be sought from other levels of government and the private sector to achieve this highly collaborative project.

Forecasting shows the Greenline is anticipated to deliver more than \$1 billion in economic activity and create up to 1000 jobs over the life of the initiative, which would be delivered in stages over multiple years.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp said the Greenline would deliver one of the biggest transformations of the city since the completion of Southbank Promenade in 1990 and the opening of Federation Square in 2002.

'The Greenline would become one of Melbourne's premier destinations, similar to the High Line in New York,' the Lord Mayor said.

'Our investment in the waterfront would create jobs for Melburnians and encourage investors to open their cheque book and deliver new projects.

'The initiative would also tell stories of Melbourne's history, and increase visibility and understanding of the area's Aboriginal culture and heritage.'

Our plans for the Greenline aim to unlock underutilised land, help our economy rebuild in the wake of COVID-19, investigate opportunities to improve the health of the river and much more.

Keep an eye out for opportunities later this year to provide your feedback during our consultation phase.



An artist's impression of upgrades to Batman Hill Park

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