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Cover: Curator Roberta Joy Rich and musician Rara Zulu outside Arts House in North Melbourne. Read their story on page five.

LORD MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Lord Mayor Sally Capp and Councillor Dr Olivia Ball with youngsters at the opening of the Lady Huntingfield Early Learning and Family Services Centre

Melbourne is building momentum towards a cleaner, greener future that is bursting with people and possibilities.

Our record \$837.6 million Budget 2022-23 invests confidently in this momentum by enhancing the Melbourne experience for our residents, traders and visitors.

We'll deliver \$33.9 million – almost \$5 million more than last year – in lighting upgrades, pressure cleaning and graffiti removal to ensure our streets are safe and sparkling.

We will also focus on our footpaths, roads and other city infrastructure with \$13.7 million towards essential repairs and maintenance.

We've all experienced the importance of open green space over the past two years, so we've allocated \$17.5 million to create new open spaces, \$26.5 million to protect our parks, and a further \$1.8 million for tree planting.

We continue to enhance the places and spaces that make us one of the most liveable cities in the world, with \$254 million earmarked for exciting infrastructure projects.

Our city-shaping Greenline project will allow you to wander from a match at the MCG all the way to Docklands along an inspiring new promenade bursting with environmental gains.

Restoration works to the food hall and heritage sheds at Queen Victoria Market

will transform your shopping experience at the largest open-air market in the southern hemisphere.

Melbourne is Australia's events capital. We've invested \$33.7 million to deliver our biggest year of festivals, activations and creative initiatives that will enliven our streets.

After so much time spent appreciating our local areas during lockdowns, we are more committed than ever to celebrating and protecting their unique charms as the city grows and evolves.

Our neighbourhood model captures the voices of our neighbourhoods, and localises how we respond to the distinct ideas, priorities and needs of our communities.

Thank you to everyone who has come to one of our local Future Melbourne Committee meetings, shared their thoughts as part of our new planning framework, and to our neighbourhood partners who facilitate this localised feedback loop.

Together we will deliver the priorities that matter most to our community and create confidence, certainty and consistency for our future.

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.

BRINGING THE HEAT OF THE TORRES STRAIT TO MELBOURNE

Diners receive a warm welcome at Big Esso

Be transported to a beach bar in the Torres Strait, as Big Esso beams the tropics into Fed Square.

Every morning before school on her childhood island home, Nornie Bero would walk the reef in search of clams.

'Island life is so natural. After school we'd go out to get fresh catch. We'd make our own snacks out of what we caught from the ocean, like periwinkles,' Nornie said.

Now she's bringing the heat of the Torres Strait to Fed Square through Big Esso, a restaurant serving up mouth-watering Australian and indigenous ingredients.

Think saltbush and pepperberry fried crocodile. Fish soup. Kangaroo tail with island-fried scones. Charred emu with cassava crisps. Gin infused with peppermint gum.

'The flavours of the Torres Strait are like being on a summer's beach. When you're at Big Esso you're always going to feel like

you're in a beach bar hanging out with your mates,' Nornie said.

'We're bringing colour and sunshine to Fed Square, all the flavours of the islands'.



The menu heroes indigenous ingredients

WINTER WARMERS: 24 HOURS IN MELBOURNE

- **Morning:** grab flaky pastry and coffee from the Vic Market. Walk through glorious gardens. Find treasures in city laneways.
- **Lunch:** go on a cheap eats food crawl. Step into the Picasso century at the NGV.
- **Afternoon:** check in at an indie hotel for the night. Find a rooftop bar.
- **Evening:** roam amid luminous trees at Lightscape before dinner and a gig.
- **After dark:** Take a moonlight kayak tour. Wander back to your hotel past neon street art. Visit a late-night dessert spot.

Find more unmissable blockbusters and after-dark adventures at whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au

MAKE ROOM MARKS MAJOR MILESTONE

Our Make Room project is another step closer to providing people experiencing homelessness and sleeping rough a pathway into housing, with the signing of a lease agreement with Unison Housing.

This project will make a difference for those who need it most and create a pathway for Melburnians to access social and affordable housing.

The agreement will enable Unison to start design and construction work at

602 Little Bourke Street, converting the Council-owned property into safe and supported accommodation for some of Melbourne's most vulnerable residents.

Make Room will deliver 50 studio apartments, communal living areas, housing and homelessness services and other support for residents, as they transition into social and affordable housing.

Construction is expected to begin later this year, with accommodation and services to open in late 2023.

In another boost for the project, Council has recently secured nearly \$1 million in additional philanthropic funding, with generous donations from the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust, the William Buckland Foundation and the Loti and Victor Smorgon Family Foundation.

Council has now secured more than \$13.7 million for the \$20 million project, with funding commitments from the Victorian Government, The Ian Potter Foundation, Gandel Foundation and Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation.



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



We're creating new safe and supported accommodation



Members of our engineering branch around 60 years ago

CITY FLASHBACK

Take a peek into Melbourne's past with this photograph from the late 1950s or early 1960s.

The snap shows team members of our City of Melbourne engineering branch at work.

This photo is among more than 10,000 items in our City Collection. Since the 1850s, we've accumulated an eclectic and important range of cultural material, alongside quirky items like a model banana and a bottle of 1980s spumante.

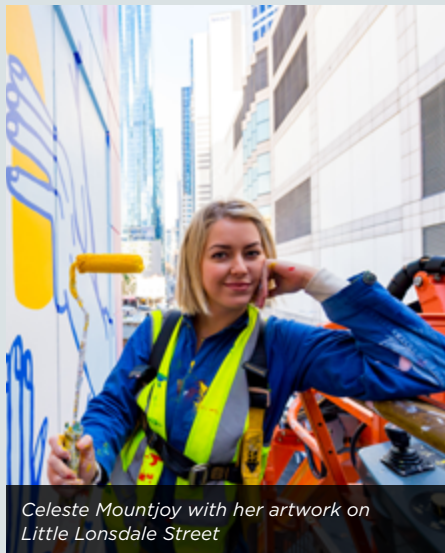
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International students Devendra Singh and Kimberly Mitchiko Clemencio

How does the City of Melbourne support international students?

Melbourne is one of the world's great student cities, and young people from across the globe flock here to enjoy exceptional education, career and lifestyle opportunities. They love Melbourne, and the city loves them back. To discover our vibrant program of support and events, including conversation clubs, social outings and employment skills workshops, visit melbourne.vic.gov.au/internationalstudents



Celeste Mountjoy with her artwork on Little Lonsdale Street



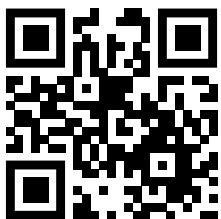
FLASH FORWARD SUCCESS

Artworks are continuing to pop up across the city thanks to Flash Forward.

The creative laneways program has created 170 jobs over 18 months for local artists, designers, music producers, lighting specialists, graphic designers, technicians and maintenance workers.

Flash Forward has pumped nearly \$9 million in to the economy, transforming lesser-known laneways and helping to welcome people back into the city.

Learn more at flash-fwd.com







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A CALL TO OUR HEROINES

SOUTHERN AFRICAN CREATIVES SHINE AT ARTS HOUSE

Discover generations of heroines who have defined, defied or described southern African culture through a dynamic creative program at Arts House in North Melbourne.

And she was wearing trousers: a call to our heroines shines a light on the legacies of teachers, linguists and queens to reframe stories skewed by colonialism and explore identity and experience across the southern African diaspora.

Curated by Roberta Joy Rich and Naomi Velaphi, the project has brought together multidisciplinary artists to collaborate on an exhibition, live music, window installations and artist talks.

'We have worked with amazing national and international artists across varying creative disciplines from playwriting, theatre and spoken word, to graphic design, visual arts, performance and film,' Roberta said.

'Beyond learning about women of our histories, by connecting with southern African artists across the globe, the exhibition presents a suite of new commissions, from sound, video, light and typographic installations.'

The works on show at Arts House reflect on the legacy of significant women, venture deep into art and feminist archives, and demonstrate how collaborative practice can spark healing and connection.

The creative team described the development process as an 'abundance of learning'.



Co-curator Roberta Joy Rich with musician and vocalist Rara Zulu at Arts House

'It is extremely nourishing and refreshing to learn and deepen an understanding of Black female figures who have led revolutions, influenced the sound of a generation or the policies and formation of future communities and societies,' Roberta said.

'Their work speaks back to colonial frameworks and leaves legacies for future generations like us to share.'

'The power alone of the women we began focusing on for this project – Dorothy Masuka, Brenda Fassie, Queen Lozikeyi, Princess Krotoa, Thenjiwe Lesabe – is so immense, it has unearthed important questions about ourselves, about how we frame ourselves and knowledges in the context of so-called Australia.'

'Their work speaks back to colonial frameworks and leaves legacies for future generations like us to share.'

Looking to the future, the team aims to tour the exhibition internationally and continue to build on their own archive of challenging, contemporary, immersive artwork with creative peers.

'Growing up, our elders were on the African continent or leaving the continent to support future generations, but they were not necessarily in positions to be creative writers or producers or artists,' Roberta said.

'We are beginning to have the privilege to dream and conjure creativity that can foster dialogues with peer multicultural communities we have not been able to before, which is exciting.'

'As southern African diaspora women, through creative projects we aim to reach out to our peer communities, and our peer diaspora Afro-communities to forge pathways and platforms for our voices.'

'The ambition is to have creative ventures, conversations and iterations that are completely led by First Nations, African and communities of colour that are not framed by a colonial institution, and we hope exhibitions such as this can be part of that journey.'

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Discover a free exhibition of new commissions from artists, the Australian premiere of Sethembile Msezane's short film *ISIMO*, and a collaborative textile work.

★ **Until 6 August.** Monday to Saturday from 11am to 4pm.

Tune in online to enjoy an artist talk with multidisciplinary artist blk banaana, musician and vocalist Rara Zulu, filmmaker and photographer Jabu Nadia Newman and actor and playwright Kirsty Marillier, with host Roberta Joy Rich.

★ **Saturday 16 July** at 5.30pm.
Registrations required.

See a live performance by Rara Zulu, whose raw sound is influenced by soul, R'n'B and hip hop.

★ **Saturday 23 July** at 7.30pm. Tickets from \$10 to \$35.

Tune in online to enjoy an artist talk with visual artist, public speaker and performer Sethembile Msezane and multidisciplinary storyteller and theatre maker Tariro Mavondo, with host Naomi Velaphi.

★ **Saturday 23 July** at 5.30pm.
Registrations required.

Head to the corner of Queensberry and Errol streets to see artist and educator Nontsikelelo Mutiti's window installation *Memeza*, inspired by a song of the same name by Brenda Fassie, sometimes known as 'Ma Brr'.

★ **Until 18 September.**



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
artshouse.com.au

BUDGET INVESTS IN MELBOURNE'S MOMENTUM

City-shaping infrastructure projects, a stellar events calendar and making the city safer and cleaner are highlights of the City of Melbourne's Budget 2022-23.







Lord Mayor Sally Capp said the Budget is an investment in making our city cleaner, greener and full of people again.

'The City of Melbourne is the engine room of the Victorian economy so it's imperative that we continue to invest in its momentum,' the Lord Mayor said.

'This Budget is a record \$837.6 million investment to build momentum, create confidence and deliver essential services for the city and the community.'

'We're investing to grow our economy beyond pre-pandemic levels and create a fairer, better-connected, and even more extraordinary city.'

Fast facts

 Total Budget \$837.6 million	 Infrastructure: \$254 million
 Deficit \$11.7 million	 Parks, gardens, open spaces \$50 million
 Events, activations and creative industry support \$33.7 million	 City safety and cleaning \$33.9 million

INVESTING IN CITY-SHAPING INFRASTRUCTURE



Infrastructure projects are creating jobs

Our Budget includes a record \$254 million on infrastructure to build better community facilities, create jobs and supercharge the economy.

We're investing \$140 million in our landmark Greenline project over the next four years. Read more about this city-shaping project on page seven.

In another milestone for the Queen Victoria Market precinct renewal, we're spending \$50 million on the planned next stage of the project.

Works to restore the market's heritage sheds will be completed within the year, along with the revamped food hall.

Construction will begin on upgrades to the Queen Street streetscape, northern

shed and trader shed, making it easier for traders to do business.

Investment in major community infrastructure projects includes \$25 million for the Kensington Community Aquatic and Recreation Centre redevelopment.

With construction already underway, the new facility will boast a 25-metre pool, gymnasium, multi-purpose courts, community spaces, and accessible change rooms.

More than \$8.2 million will complete the fit-out of the Munro Library and Community Hub, with the project due for completion in 2023.

We've also allocated \$13.7 million to repair and maintain footpaths, roads and other city infrastructure.

This includes another footpath blitz, as well as new street furniture, wayfinding signage and street lighting.

The massive infrastructure pipeline will generate up to 1000 jobs, providing a significant economic boost for businesses across the city.

RECORD YEAR OF EVENTS

We're planning our biggest year of events, investing a record \$33.7 million in festivals, activations and creative initiatives to entice visitors into the city, support local businesses and cement Melbourne as the events and cultural capital of the country.

All the city's favourite events will return bigger and better than ever – Moomba, Christmas Festival, New Year's Eve with rooftop fireworks, Melbourne Fashion Week, Melbourne Knowledge Week and Melbourne Music Week.

Firelight Festival will light up Docklands in July for a three-night celebration of the winter solstice – featuring a new immersive lighting display, fire installations, music, live performances and food trucks.

We're drawing again on our constructive partnership with the Victorian Government, to boost community festivals and initiatives, through the \$200 million Melbourne City Revitalisation Fund.

KEEPING THE CITY SAFE AND CLEAN

You told us the cleanliness of our streets and public parks and places was a top priority.

So, we're investing a record \$33.9 million to improve safety, expand our Rapid Response Clean Team to scrub the city clean, eradicate graffiti and double our high-pressure cleaning efforts.

That's almost \$5 million more than last year to do this.

To keep people safe and crack down on antisocial behaviour, \$5.4 million will be invested into critical safety infrastructure and

resources, including \$2 million to improve city lighting in areas such as St Kilda Road and the Yarra River's north bank.

We'll also invest more than \$33 million collecting waste across the municipality.

The roll out of our popular food and organics waste collection service will continue, with a focus on high-rise apartments.

More than 20,000 households can already access the service, which has diverted more than 2500 tonnes of waste from landfill.



Our clean team is expanding



More climate resilient trees will help cool the city

TURNING GREY TO GREEN

Our Budget includes a \$50 million investment to create new open space, protect parks, charge ahead with Power Melbourne and cut emissions.

We love our parks, gardens and open spaces, they play an important role in making Melbourne more liveable, which is why we're investing \$26.5 million to protect and maintain them. More than \$17.5 million will go towards creating new open space, plus we'll spend \$1.8 million planting 2400 new trees.

We'll plant climate-resilient tree species, ensuring Melbourne's green canopy can better survive drought and heat, and continue to cool the city.

We'll also improve storm water harvesting across the municipality, collecting water from drains and roads to help irrigate and drought-proof the city's parks and gardens.

We will continue to build on our commitment to combat climate change and move towards net zero emissions with a \$650,000 investment in our landmark Power Melbourne project - creating a neighbourhood-scale battery network to supply more affordable renewable energy back into the grid.

RATES KEEP OUR CITY RUNNING

Rates are necessary to keep our city running.

Our teams work around the clock delivering essential services from waste and recycling collections to road works and street cleaning, public health and safety schemes.

After two years of rates relief for residents and businesses, we will return to the normal rates cycle by implementing the Victorian Government's 1.75 per cent rates cap.

This will ensure we can deliver all essential services that residents and traders rely on, as well as all major projects.

We will help cost-of-living pressures for pensioners by providing a rates discount of up to \$247, the most generous in Victoria.

To provide ratepayers with a clearer picture of what they're paying, waste costs will be listed as a separate item on rates notices. This brings the City of Melbourne in line with most other Victorian councils.



We're cutting red tape for businesses

FIRST CHOICE FOR BUSINESS

Our Budget invests in making Melbourne the first choice for business by cutting red tape and attracting new investment and visitors to boost spending and restore confidence.

We'll spend \$730,000 to extend our Business Concierge service - providing recovery and specialised support, startup advice and mentoring at no cost to more than 15,000 businesses.

A \$1 million commitment for Invest Melbourne will ramp up work to encourage new proposals, attract global headquarters and significant projects, and simplify startup processes.

More than \$500,000 will support 1500 hospitality venues and 1000 creatives through the extension of outdoor dining and busking permit fee waivers until 31 October.

Since 2020, the City of Melbourne has absorbed \$2 million in permit fees to ease the burden.



To find out more about what we're doing in your neighbourhood over the next 12 months, visit melbourne.vic.gov.au/budget

MASSIVE RIVERSIDE GREENING PROJECT UNDERWAY

Imagine strolling from the MCG to Docklands along a vibrant promenade of connected parklands, pedestrian bridges and boardwalks.

We're investing \$140 million over the next four years to transform the northern bank of the Birrarung or Yarra River into the four-kilometre Greenline.

Rich with native plants, art, culture, food and entertainment, Greenline will improve

biodiversity, better recognise the river's history, attract visitors and investment, and provide leafy spaces for recreation.

In the next year, we'll spend \$40 million on early works to transform the river's edge at Birrarung Marr, including the installation of floating wetlands.

The boost follows the recent unveiling of our Greenline Implementation Plan, and completion of the first stage of the

project, including the opening of the new Enterprize Park.

Enterprize Park includes an extra 1000m² of green space (almost the size of one Olympic swimming pool) with better views and access along the river.

The final plan for Greenline is the result of significant community consultation with local residents, traders and business associations, through which we received very positive feedback.

Greenline is anticipated to deliver more than \$1 billion in economic activity and create up to 1000 jobs, and we were pleased the new Australian Government pledged \$20 million in the lead-up to the election to help bring this project to life.



A greener north bank will benefit people and wildlife

GREENLINE IS ANTICIPATED TO DELIVER MORE THAN \$1 BILLION IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND CREATE UP TO 1000 JOBS OVER THE LIFE OF THE PROJECT



DISCOVER MORE CITY PROJECTS AT melbourne.vic.gov.au/cityprojects

EVENTS CALENDAR

A FEW OF OUR FAVOURITE THINGS



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

1 TO 3 JULY

FIRELIGHT FESTIVAL

Feel the buzz as Docklands dazzles with fire installations, music, live performances and food trucks.

10 JULY TO 14 AUGUST

9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL

Set the alarm for a great night out at Dolly Parton's joyous smash hit production. At Arts Centre Melbourne.

16 TO 17 JULY

BASTILLE DAY FRENCH FESTIVAL

Put on your beret and say bonjour to a vibrant celebration of all things French at Fed Square.

24 JULY

RUN MELBOURNE

Race down beautiful city streets with thousands of fellow runners. The epic race day vibes begin at Grand Slam Oval.



30 TO 31 JULY

OPEN HOUSE MELBOURNE

Explore the city's most historic and significant buildings, architecture and secret spaces.

5 TO 28 AUGUST

THE THROWBACK LOUNGE - WINTER 90S POP-UP

Step into a nostalgic urban lounge at District Docklands. Think Video Hits, double denim and iconic 90s treats.

JUL

1-3

Firelight

OCT

10-16

Melbourne Fashion Week

UNTIL 7 AUGUST

LIGHTSCAPE

Wander among luminous vistas and large-scale glowing installations at Royal Botanic Gardens.

7 AUGUST TO 2 OCTOBER

HAIRSPRAY

Say 'Good Morning Baltimore' to this big-hearted Broadway hit musical starring Shane Jacobson at the Regent Theatre.

12 AUGUST

RE-GENERATION YOUTH FESTIVAL

Find the inspiration, motivation and tools to be the change you want to see in the world at the Immigration Museum.

UNTIL 2 OCTOBER

HAMILTON

Change the way you think about history in this profound, award-winning production at Her Majesty's Theatre.

2 TO 9 OCTOBER

VICTORIAN SENIORS FESTIVAL

Enjoy events at Fed Square, ACMI, the State Library and beyond during this month-long celebration of seniors.

UNTIL 9 OCTOBER

THE PICASSO CENTURY

Chart the extraordinary career of Pablo Picasso in this world-premiere exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria.

10 TO 16 OCTOBER

MELBOURNE FASHION WEEK

Celebrate Melbourne's thriving fashion scene with runways in iconic venues, pop-up moments, industry talks and more across the city.

14 TO 16 OCTOBER

DOG LOVERS SHOW

Find your pawfect match and fetch tips for a happy, healthy dog at Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

14 TO 23 OCTOBER

MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

Immerse yourself in music from local and international jazz greats at venues across the city.

31 OCTOBER

INTERNATIONAL DUMPLING FESTIVAL

Feast on dumplings from around the world like xiao long bao, pierogies and gyoza at Queen Victoria Market.

10 TO 27 NOVEMBER

NIGHT NOODLE MARKETS

Bring friends to see Birrarung Marr transformed into a vibrant Asian street food festival with live entertainment.

11 NOVEMBER TO 4 DECEMBER

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Sing along with pop and theatre classics as the acclaimed London Palladium production comes to the Regent Theatre.

12 NOVEMBER

POLISH FESTIVAL

Experience Poland's famous hospitality, hearty food and romantic traditions at Fed Square.



OCT

10 - 27

Night Noodle Markets



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Red Bull Billy Cart Race

25 NOVEMBER TO 25 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Bring the family to enjoy festive events and spectacular decorations, including the beloved tree at Christmas Square.

UNTIL 27 NOVEMBER

ISLANDS

Activate sounds as you walk, crawl and roll across surreal desert islands while animated sea creatures swim by. For kids, at ArtPlay.

UNTIL 28 NOVEMBER

LIBRARY CINEMA

See contemporary, classic and documentary films on the big screen at Library at The Dock.

3 DECEMBER

RED BULL BILLY CART RACE

Design and build an outrageous billy cart and compete against the clock on Lansdowne Street.

UNTIL 18 DECEMBER

THE DISTRICT MAKERS MARKET

Enjoy entertainment, stalls and homemade produce at this Docklands market on the last Sunday of every month. Plus, head down after dark on 10 December for a Christmas night market.

31 DECEMBER TO 1 JANUARY

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Ring in 2023 with city-skyline fireworks, family-friendly celebration zones or a booking at your favourite city venue.



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

UNTIL 10 DECEMBER

SEASON TWO AT ARTS HOUSE

Dive into a trove of theatre, contemporary dance, visual art and digital in-betweens at Arts House.

Coming up:

- a fusion of screen, sound and percussion in *Scream Star*
- an exquisite Carnatic choir in *The Durga Chronicles*
- diverse dialogues in *And she was wearing trousers: a call to our heroines* (read more on page five)
- contemporary dance inspired by a corroboree in *Garabari*
- the first two presentations from our Deaf and Disability-led Warehouse Residency in *More Than Words Can Say* and *I Am Not This Body*.

Explore the full program at artshouse.com.au



Photo: Theresa Harrison

Scream Star is a feast for the senses

ALL YEAR ROUND

LIBRARY FUN FOR EVERYONE

Find stories to love at our pop-up libraries and new roving 'Mel-Van' mobile library.

We also have permanent state-of-the-art libraries located in the CBD, East Melbourne, Carlton, Docklands, North Melbourne and Southbank.

For kids, we offer Songbirds sessions for babies and toddlers aged up to 18 months, Stompers sessions for toddlers aged 18 months to three years, and Pre-school Storytime sessions for children aged three to five.

Held at various times and locations, the events use songs, rhymes and stories to engage your budding bookworm's mind and introduce them to the fun and rhythm of language.

Drop by to find something for everyone, or explore online resources galore at melbourne.vic.gov.au/libraries



Libraries are popping up across the city



MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERS

Say hello to your friendly neighbourhood partner and share ideas to make your community the best it can be.

From historic Carlton to the glistening harbour at Docklands, each City of Melbourne neighbourhood needs different services and support based on its unique demographics, strengths and challenges.

We're working to better understand and respond to community needs in a highly localised way through a new neighbourhood model.

Led by seven passionate neighbourhood partners, the model aims to 'connect the dots' between the City of Melbourne, residents and businesses to empower local people, build community capacity and guide city projects.

The neighbourhood partners recently completed in-depth community consultation and analysed the data to draft key priorities for each suburb.

This is revealing opportunities for us to explore new projects, adjust upcoming work to respond to community needs,

and better communicate our progress on existing work.

Sharyn Barkl, who lives in the CBD, shared feedback during the consultation.

'I wanted to contribute to the consultation sessions because it's important that Council hears directly from residents who are on the ground and living in the city about what matters to our community,' Sharyn said.

'It was easy to share feedback, and I was pleased that Council provided information in different languages. The initiative allowed positive and negative feedback and involved all residents in contributing to the city's future.'

Neighbourhood partners will continue to engage with the community year-round, recording feedback into a central knowledge bank that will inform City of Melbourne projects with rich insights into the future.

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'It's important that Council hears directly from residents who are on the ground and living in the city about what matters to our community.'



To read a full-length interview with each neighbourhood partner, head to magazine.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community-stories



ASH LEE

Southbank

Southbank is a very interesting suburb with three distinct and high-density residential, commercial and arts areas. I look forward to helping make the neighbourhood even better and build a more connected community.

I've met so many people from different countries in Southbank. We are in an active process of defining ourselves as Southbankers, and we're in it together.

FADI QUNQAR

Docklands and Fishermans Bend

There's no other place in Victoria, or even in Australia, like Docklands and Fishermans Bend. The aura of being around the water and being able to see the city right behind you: it's a magical feeling.

I've learnt so much working with different people, coming to understand what needs to be done in the background to help them in the future. Making other people happy makes me feel happy.



MELANIE DEL MONACO

Kensington

There's a great vibe in Kensington because even though you're in the heart of the city it has a unique village feel, and a highly active and connected community.

I love working closely with community, which allows us to respond quickly and create changes that have a positive impact on people's lives. Above all, it's about helping to create more connected, vibrant and sustainable neighbourhoods.

MICHELLE JAMES

CBD

The pandemic reminded residents, business owners and students that they have a community here. We want to encourage this neighbourhood connection and resilience into the future.

The CBD is made up of distinct neighbourhoods with unique strengths but there are also some basics that we need to get right across the city. People are keen to tackle these things together.



NASTEHA (NAS) MOHAMUD

Carlton and Parkville

I really love working with Carlton and Parkville - each of the neighbourhoods is very special and unique.

The people I meet are so passionate and driven. They all bring so much knowledge and wisdom, and ideas about how we can make things better. I am excited to continue to connect and collaborate with our communities.

TALLIA GILARRY

North Melbourne and West Melbourne

West Melbourne is so intriguing. Every day I discover some fascinating story about its history. And in North Melbourne, I really like how people own their public green spaces.

I'd love to shine a light on all these incredible neighbourhood assets for others to see: the characters, the stories, the landscapes, the spirit of this special spot.



REI CHIN

East Melbourne and South Yarra

There is a wealth of talent, knowledge and passion within the East Melbourne and South Yarra communities. Both are very established neighbourhoods that take pride in their unique identities.

I'm looking forward to working with the community members to 'connect the dots' and bring people together to make great, community-led projects come to life.



NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD PORTALS

Keep in touch with the latest local news and share ideas for your suburb through our new interactive online portals.

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Everyone has the right to feel safe in the city

COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS STRIVE FOR CITY SAFETY

Share your stories of times when you felt unsafe and learn how to support someone experiencing family violence or sexual harassment to help make the city safer for all.

Exceptional people are working hard to deliver projects that prevent violence against women, shine a light on street harassment, and better equip businesses to protect patrons and staff across the municipality.

We're right behind this important work and have funded some exciting new projects.

It's Not A Compliment will deliver Your Stories Matter, a two-year project that empowers people to share stories of street harassment. Data gathered will inform our strategic planning to create safer streets for all.

AMES will provide Prevention of Violence Against Women training in partnership with the Drill Hall Residents Association, to create community champions across multicultural neighbourhoods.

The Eastern Domestic Violence Service will deliver HaiR-3Rs training to help workers at salons, spas and clinics recognise and respond to disclosures of family violence and refer people to specialist services.

Leadership Education Advancement and Development for Asian Australians will run sessions and create short films to help young women have a safer experience in the city, acknowledging the increased racism experienced by Asian communities during COVID-19.

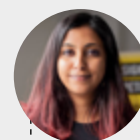
We're also inviting businesses that operate after dark to sign up to a night safety charter and access resources and training to better equip staff and security to respond to sexual harassment through Project Night Justice.

These projects are just some of the ways we're seeking to facilitate safe and equal participation in economic, social and civic life across the municipality, as outlined in our Women's Safety and Empowerment Action Plan.

We're also offering free period products, upgrading sports facilities, empowering young leaders and pursuing greater equality in naming public places and events, with a particular focus on Aboriginal, immigrant and refugee women.



To find out more about each of these projects, and how to get involved, visit magazine.melbourne.vic.gov.au



Aakanksha Manjunath
It's Not a Compliment

Every time someone recognises the power of sharing their story, we are all one step closer to addressing street harassment in our communities and beyond. Add your story to the map through Your Stories Matter.



Zowie Evans
HaiR-3Rs Ambassador

The salon space offers an intimate community where we as hairdressers get to know each of our guests on a personal level. It's highly likely that a guest will divulge information to us, so we need to know how to approach conversations around family violence safely.



MOVING INTO MUNRO

How affordable housing changed the life of a local creative.

More than 20,000 residents will live on the doorstep of the Queen Victoria Market by 2040.

The Munro development is the exciting new addition at the Queen Victoria Market precinct.

The site is currently home to the market's 500-space underground car park, and will soon be joined by Melbourne's new flagship library and a line-up of hospitality businesses, building on the glorious offerings of the market – but it's also home to 54 affordable housing dwellings.

Affordable housing seeks to meet the housing needs of those in low and moderate-income households.

In December 2021, the Munro development welcomed residents from near and far, filling spots in 48 affordable apartments that are owned and operated by Housing Choices Australia.

In May 2022, we also handed over the keys to a further six apartments to the Transport Accident Commission for clients with additional needs.

These affordable apartments have provided many with a safe and secure place to call home – in keeping with our Affordable Housing Strategy for 2020–30.

Local creative and art enthusiast Christiaie Saint-Piaf is one of many who was delighted to make the move into the Munro building.

Since moving to her new home, seconds from Flagstaff Gardens and a stone's throw from the city and the clinic where she regularly donates plasma, Christiaie said she has experienced a significant improvement to the quality of her life.

'It's an affordable, safe and secure home, built with dignity in mind – far better than anywhere I've lived before,' Christiaie said.

As an active member of the local community and LGBTIQA+ groups, Christiaie also admires the warm and welcoming environment among the building and staff.

'The festivity of the QVM area breathes life, fun times and community,' she said.

Feeding into her love of literature and creativity, Christiaie is most looking forward to the Munro Library, set to open its doors in 2023.

'It's an affordable, safe and secure home, built with dignity in mind.'

The Munro site is expected to deliver an estimated \$70 million of economic and community benefit to the growing City North precinct.

In the coming months, new hospitality venues including Brick Lane Brewery, ST. ALI & The Queen, and sushi outlet Moonfishh will join the Munro development too, making it an even better place to live, shop, dine and dwell.

Visit our website to stay up-to-date with what's next for the Munro site.



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



A cosy apartment at the Munro development



Christiaie enjoys the community terrace



Jeremy Lucas
Spice Market (Project Night Justice participant)

People by nature want to feel safe and secure. Creating sustainable, memorable experiences in Melbourne nightlife is our goal, and this cannot happen if patron safety and equality are not front of mind.



Wendy Lobwein
AMES

We're looking for people who want to make change in their community. The Prevention of Violence Against Women training will focus on what we can do as individuals, families and small communities to shift some of these negative attitudes and behaviours.

DID YOU KNOW?

For every \$1 invested in affordable housing, the community benefits by \$3 due to worker retention, educational benefits, enhanced human capital, health cost savings, and reduced family violence and crime.

GREEN LIVING TIPS



We're providing free kitchen caddies and council-approved compostable liners

HOW TO MANAGE YOUR FOOD AND GARDEN WASTE

Around half of the waste produced by the average City of Melbourne household is made up of food and garden organics.

That's why we're working hard to divert this nutrient-rich material from landfill, where it would produce harmful gases and contribute to climate change.

Since we launched our Food and Garden Organics Service in June 2021, we've

collected 164,000 bin-loads from 23,000 households, diverting 1165 tonnes from landfill.

All residential properties in the municipality of up to five storeys now have a food and garden organic collection.

A pilot to explore collection options for taller buildings is underway.

Cut out and keep this handy list so you know which items can and can't go in the new green-lidded bins.

YES	NO
✓ Council-approved kitchen caddy liners	✗ Biodegradable and compostable bags and packaging (only use council-approved caddy liners)
✓ Fruit and vegetable scraps	✗ Recyclables and hard plastic
✓ Bread, rice and pasta	✗ Soft plastics (bags, cling wrap, chip packets)
✓ Leftover food scraps	✗ Tea bags
✓ Spoiled or rotten food	✗ Coffee pods, compostable cups and coffee cups (including items marked as biodegradable)
✓ Solid dairy products (butter, cheese)	✗ Liquids (including cooking oil)
✓ Meat, fish and bones	✗ Hard seafood shells (mussels, oysters, pipis and large crabs)
✓ Soft-shell seafood (prawns, shrimps, crayfish, lobsters, small crabs)	✗ String, twine, ties, rope and metal wire
✓ Loose coffee grounds and tea leaves	✗ Cotton wool balls and buds
✓ Eggshells	✗ Pet poo and litter
✓ Garden, grass cuttings and weeds	✗ Vacuum dust
✓ Cut flowers and leaves	✗ Fireplace ash
✓ Straw and hay	
✓ Wooden icy pole sticks, wooden chopsticks, toothpicks, skewers	
✓ Human hair and animal hair	
✓ Dryer lint	



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

DID YOU KNOW?

We are trialing the use of the processed organic compost on trees in Kensington with the view to using it more broadly across Melbourne.

NEW FOOD RELIEF SUPPORT

We're funding Vinnies to provide meals for people in need, and work experience for people experiencing homelessness. The pandemic saw local demand for food relief increase by almost 50 per cent. This partnership is just one of the ways we're working to increase food security.

melbourne.vic.gov.au/foodrelief

BUSINESS AS USUAL IN SOUTHBANK

See Southbank Promenade transformed with new bluestone paving, street furniture, trees, accessibility features and lighting. Businesses in the area are open during the \$3.8 million revitalisation, so drop by to support them when you're visiting the iconic arts precinct.

melbourne.vic.gov.au/cityprojects

SAY IT WITH A SUNFLOWER

Pick up a free Hidden Disability sunflower product, like a lanyard or wristband, to discreetly signify that you may need extra assistance or considerations as you spend time in the city. The products are available at our tourism hubs, and Traveller's Aid.

melbourne.vic.gov.au/accessingmelbourne

NEW RECREATION COMPLEX

Demolition of Kensington's old recreation centre is complete, so we're getting to work on excavation, groundworks, and piling for the new pool and sports halls. The complex will be renamed Kensington Community Aquatic and Recreation Centre, to reflect all the great facilities it will offer.

melbourne.vic.gov.au/cityprojects

LADY HUNTINGFIELD OPENS

Our new Lady Huntingfield Early Learning and Family Services Centre has officially opened in North Melbourne. It is a one-stop shop for parents of young children, providing early childhood education, maternal child and health services, immunisation, family support, counselling and parenting services under one roof.

melbourne.vic.gov.au/children

YOUR COUNCIL



Your Council: (from left) Councillor Dr Olivia Ball, Councillor Kevin Louey, Councillor Roshena Campbell, Councillor Jamal Hakim, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Councillor Davydd Griffiths, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Councillor Rohan Leppert, Councillor Philip Le Liu, Councillor Elizabeth Mary Doidge and Councillor Jason Chang.

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Council meetings

This year, we're holding the second Future Melbourne Committee meeting of each month in community locations across the municipality, to shine a light on the unique needs of each neighbourhood and make it easier for people to engage with councillors and staff.



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

JULY

Future Melbourne Committee	Tuesday 12 July	5.30pm	
Future Melbourne Committee	Tuesday 19 July	6pm	South Yarra
Council	Tuesday 26 July	5.30pm	

AUGUST

Future Melbourne Committee	Tuesday 2 August	5.30pm	
Future Melbourne Committee	Tuesday 16 August	6pm	East Melbourne
Council	Tuesday 30 August	5.30pm	

WHY GOING WILD MAKES US FEEL GOOD

It's time to slow down and smell the river mint, according to Park Ranger Jim Szonyi.

Ranger Jim roams Royal Park with a sketch pad and a case of jeweller's loupes (small magnifying glasses), on a mission to help us focus on our wild surrounds.

'When we go for a walk, we often focus on the destination. But when we do that, we're not observing nature in a deeper sense,' Ranger Jim said.

Jim is one of six rangers in Royal Park. He's been running workshops with local kids for 10 years - introducing them to flora and fauna, studying water bugs, watching birds.

Since COVID, the focus of these sessions has naturally evolved.

'Teachers told us they'd noticed anxiety was higher in kids as we came out of lockdown,' Jim said.

Jim and the team devised new tools to help us put the world in perspective, offering techniques that participants can apply in their everyday life.

Thousands of kids have come through the park's school, kindy and Junior Rangers

programs, perching on rocks to study leaves and pausing to breathe in nature.

Jim and his comrades are now keen to extend the program to include adults.

'Royal Park became a safe space for people of all ages and backgrounds during the pandemic,' Jim said.

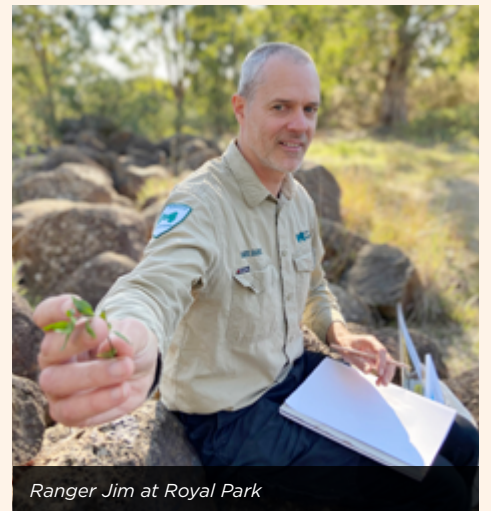
'Lots of people took up birding, and green space was really important to people's mental wellbeing.'

'When we go for a walk, we often focus on the destination. But when we do that, we're not observing nature in a deeper sense.'

Discover four simple activities to help you tune in to nature in our extended version of this story at magazine.melbourne.vic.gov.au



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Ranger Jim at Royal Park

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