Manningham Council’s 2016/17 Annual Budget and Strategic Resource Plan (SRP) and Annual Initiatives 2016/17 were formally adopted by Council on 28 June.

The Budget and SRP sets out Council’s key priorities and projects to be delivered in the 2016/17 financial year and how we will fund services, and maintain and improve infrastructure and community assets.

Average rate increase

In 2016/17, the total rates and charges bill for the average property in Manningham is $1,931.23 or 1.17 per cent ($22.90) lower than for the equivalent bill in 2015/16. The rates and charges bill consists of two parts; the first being the average rate increase which is 2.5 per cent as capped by the State government, and the second being the waste charge.

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Revaluation

2016 is also a revaluation year, so all properties have been revalued. The average capital improved value (CIV) for all rateable properties in Manningham has increased by 30.5 per cent over the last two years. This means that where a property’s value increased by more than 30.5 per cent, the rate increase will be higher than 2.5 per cent. Likewise, if a property’s value increased by less than 30.5 per cent, then the rate increase will be less than 2.5 per cent.

Across the City, 22,770 (48.1 per cent) ratepayers will see their rates increase by less than by less than 2.5 per cent. On the other hand, just over half of all ratepayers, 24,452 (51.8 per cent) will see their rates increase by more than 2.5 per cent.

Significant investment in services and infrastructure

Since taking office towards the end of 2012, Council has actively driven ongoing reforms to achieve a downward trend in average rate increases while honouring key priorities to deliver high quality, responsive and value for money services.

That is why this year, despite increased challenges such as the State government’s legislated rate cap, Council is able to invest $91.5 million to deliver services. A further $50.69 million is being invested in maintaining and improving community assets and infrastructure.

Lowest rate increases

Over the last four years, Council has been able to achieve an average annual rate increase of only 2.73 per cent compared to 4.6 per cent over the term of the previous Council, while delivering more cost effective services and significant improvements to infrastructure and community facilities. For example:

- The new waste service contract introduced this year will be up to 24 per cent cheaper (dependent on the combination of your bins)
- Council has more than doubled the investment into refurbishing, resealing and upgrading the road network from $3.2 million (2012/13) to $6.8 million (2016/17)
- Council has invested $21.4 million to expand and improve Aquarena, which is reopening to the public this week, to provide better health, fitness and recreation facilities
- Council is investing almost half so far of the $19.6 million project cost to develop the Mullum Mullum Reserve Stadium to cater for a range of sports, including basketball, netball, badminton, table tennis and volleyball, to name a few.

Highlights of the 2016/17 Annual Budget and the SRP are outlined on pages 3 to 5.

Copies of these documents are available from Council’s customer service desk, from local libraries and online at www.manningham.vic.gov.au/budget-and-finance

Warwick Winn
Chief Executive Officer

Cr Paul McLeish
Mayor
Mullum Mullum Reserve Stadium

The $19.6 million Mullum Mullum Reserve Stadium will provide a much needed boost for local clubs in Manningham, with five new indoor courts to help cater for a range of sports, including basketball, netball, badminton, table tennis and volleyball. The stadium will help address the shortage of indoor court space in Manningham and will be a sporting hub for thousands in our community.

Key features:
- Five multi-use sports courts
- Seating for up to 500 spectators
- Café on site
- New 235 space car park
- Clubs’ administration facilities on-site
- Used by more than 200,000 participants (anticipated) per year.

It is anticipated that the tender to build the stadium will be awarded in August 2016, with construction beginning before the end of 2016. The stadium is anticipated to open in mid 2018.

For more information, visit www.yoursaymanningham.com.au/mullummullumreservemanagementplan

New look Aquarenara

The Aquarena Aquatic and Leisure Centre in Doncaster has been totally transformed into a world class facility. Read more on page 7.

Live Well in Bulleen Community Strengthening Project

This project is developing a detailed plan for improving liveability in Bulleen, with a focus on community health and wellbeing for residents. Informed by research and community consultation, the plan will support advocacy for funding, as well as short and longer term projects, to create a better serviced and more connected community where people feel included and can access the support they need.

For more information, please call our Social and Community Services Unit on 9840 9379.

Roads refurbishment and resealing more than doubled in the last four years

Manningham’s roads continue to be one of the highest priorities for Council.

That is why, over the last four years, Council has more than doubled its investment from $3.2 million (2012/13) to $6.8 million (2016/17), up by $3.6 million, in resealing and upgrading its road network. In addition, in 2016/17 Council is spending $3.5 million on renewing road related infrastructure such as kerb and channelling, footpaths, signage and street furniture.
Services provided per $100 of your rates:

- **Capital Works Program**: $36.09
- **Roads, Footpaths and Drainage**: $8.76
- **Waste Services and Recycling**: $8.24
- **Parks, Gardens and Sportsgrounds**: $7.41
- **Planning and Environmental Management**: $6.58
- **Arts, Culture and Libraries**: $6.12
- **Aged and Disability Support Services**: $7.76
- **Health, Children and Families**: $5.86
- **Community Support and Development**: $2.23
- **Customer Service, Governance and Administration**: $8.00
- **Council Owned Community Buildings**: $1.65
- **Risk Management and Insurances**: $1.30
Operating Budget

This year’s Annual Budget provides for a $91.5 million operating budget that will fund our major community services, including:

- $13.44 million for maintaining our roads, footpaths and drainage infrastructure
- $11.56 million for waste and recycling services, including collection and disposal of garbage, recycling and garden waste
- $10.89 million for aged and disability support services
- $10.41 million for maintaining our parks, gardens and sporting grounds
- $9.24 million for planning and environmental management of our Municipality
- $8.59 million for our libraries, arts and cultural services
- $8.23 million for health, children and family services
- $3.13 million for community support and development
- $2.32 million for maintaining Council owned community buildings.

For more information on the 2016/17 Annual Budget and Strategic Resource Plan (SRP) and Annual Initiatives 2016/17, please visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/budget-and-finance

Capital Works Program

The $50.69 million allocated to 2016/17 capital works is part of a $170.58 million four year capital plan, which invests in renewing and upgrading our community infrastructure. Of the $50.69 million, $28.64 million of general rates revenue is applied to the capital works program.

Highlights of the capital works program include:

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Waste trucks gear up for new service

From 1 July residents will see the brand new fleet of Manningham waste trucks around our City.

Under a new waste services contract, all residential properties will be receiving new waste bins. The bins will be delivered between August and the end of November this year.

The 14 new IVECO Acco trucks (with low emission Euro 5 Diesel engines) are a lower profile design to avoid overhanging trees and have deflector fins to stop branches from catching on the truck.

While the new fleet is sporting the new shiny Council livery, many of the changes are beneath the skin, with a limited slip differential that allows the rear wheels to be locked to provide added grip on gravel roads.

The trucks are also fitted with GPS tracking and speed monitoring to enable Council to view the live location of all the trucks and see how far and where each truck has driven on a given day. Onboard cameras can record any problems with truck access or bin presentation issues, and radio frequency identification readers can recognise and track new bins.

For more information, please call our Waste Management Team on 9846 0579.

Mullum Mullum Reserve upgrade works complete

Works to improve access to the reserve, pedestrian and cycling paths, car parking and landscaping at Mullum Mullum Reserve in Donvale are now complete.

The $1.5 million works to upgrade the reserve were completed in June as part of the implementation of the Mullum Mullum Reserve Management Plan, and they included constructing a new roundabout and widening the Springvale Road and Reynolds Road entrances to the reserve.

There is also a new shared cycling and walking path connecting the reserve to the Mullum Mullum Trail and a prototype stormwater treatment rain garden, which was installed in collaboration with Melbourne Water.

These works have been funded by Council, with grants from Melbourne Water and the Victorian Taxi Directorate, enabling the installation of the stormwater treatment rain garden and two taxi drop off bays within the reserve.

Construction of the Mullum Mullum Reserve Stadium is anticipated to start before the end of 2016.

For more information, visit www.yoursaymanningham.com.au/mullummullumreservemanagementplan
Have your say – Future plans for Westfield Doncaster

The community is invited to make comments on proposed changes to the Manningham Planning Scheme and a Development Plan for Westfield Doncaster.

To consider future development at Westfield Doncaster, changes to the Manningham Planning Scheme and Council approval of a Development Plan are required.

Amendment C104 to the Manningham Planning Scheme and the Development Plan seeks to potentially include:

- An additional approximately 43,000sqm of retail floor space and 18,000sqm of commercial office space generally located in the northern part of the site
- A commercial ‘gateway’ building with a maximum height of ten to 14 storeys above a two level podium on Williamson Road, in the north-west corner of the site
- An enhanced and expanded bus interchange
- Improved vehicle and pedestrian access to and within the centre
- Additional car parking
- Improved public spaces, including increased landscaping, new paving and a new public forecourt, which will enhance the entry to the centre.

Submissions must be made by Thursday 1 September.

For more information, including the amendment documentation and Development Plan, and to have your say, visit www.yoursaymanningham.com.au/Amendment-C104 or call 9840 9133.

The new face of Aquarena

After almost seven years of construction, the Aquarena Aquatic and Leisure Centre has been totally transformed into an outstanding world class facility.

The Manningham community now has access to a diverse range of outstanding new health, fitness and aquatic facilities providing services and equipment to meet the health and fitness needs of all members of the community well into the future.

Everyone is welcome to visit the $21.4 million multi stage redevelopment that now includes an expanded health club (twice the size of the old) with updated equipment, a new 25 metre hydro pool, steam room, and spa and wellness centre - catering for everyone’s health and fitness needs, a sky bridge linking visitors from the car park to the facility providing improved disability access, and an extensive redevelopment of the entrance foyer, administration zone and reception area.

Community Open Day

A Community Open Day will be held on Saturday 30 July, from 9.30 am to 3.00 pm, which will include free exercise classes, complimentary use of a range of facilities and more.

COMPLIMENTARY PASSES

We invite you to come along and use the two complimentary passes on page 8 and enjoy what’s on offer. Take the new sky bridge into the centre for easy access.

For more information about the Aquarena upgrade, please visit www.aquarena.ymca.org.au or call the Aquarena Aquatic and Leisure Centre on 9848 0000.
Show us YOUR Manningham

We invite the Manningham community to grab your cameras and enter the 2017 Manningham Community Calendar Photo Competition. Don’t miss out on the opportunity to win some great prizes and have your photo appear in our 2017 Community Calendar.

Show us your Manningham and what’s important to you in our City – whether it’s our diverse and colourful community, your favourite place for relaxing with family and friends or staying fit and healthy, or something else you love about or that is important to you in Manningham.

Entries are invited from:
- Under 18s
- Amateur / hobby photographers
- Professional photographers.

Competition dates:
18 July – 26 August

Vote for your favourite:
2 September – 16 September

Winners to be announced:
20 September

Prizes:
- First prize: $600 prepaid money gift card
- Second prize: $400 prepaid money gift card
- Third prize: $200 prepaid money gift card

To upload your entry and to view the competition terms and conditions, visit
## Manningham Events Calendar

### JULY

#### Maintaining your Fruit Trees over Winter

**Wednesday 27 July, 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm**

Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Learn how to maintain your fruit trees over winter in this Home Harvest seminar.

Optional food swap from 6.45 pm to 7.00 pm.

For more information, visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/home-harvest or call 9840 9124.

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#### Creative Accounting Exhibition

**Wednesday 27 July – Saturday 3 September**

Manningham Art Gallery, MC Square, 687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

*Creative Accounting* offers a fascinating insight into the evolution of banking and financial management practices over the last 200 years. Explore ideas around money, economic systems, perceived value and the aesthetics of currency.

This exhibition is curated by Holly Williams, in conjunction with Hawkesbury Regional Gallery and toured by Museums & Galleries of NSW. This project is supported by Arts NSW’s Curatorial Support Initiative grant and has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body.

For more information, visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/gallery

*Image: Andrew Hurle Reconstructions (after CW Dickinson), 2011 (detail), pigment ink jet print, 35 cm x 40 cm. Courtesy the artist and Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney.*

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#### Manningham Business Excellence Awards

**Expressions of Interest close Friday 29 July**

The Manningham Business Excellence Awards have changed for 2016 and it’s easier than ever to enter your business. Simply tell your story by submitting an EOI form by Friday 29 July, and an awards mentor will be assigned to you to support you with your application.

For more information and to submit your story, visit www.manninghambea.com.au

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#### Manningham Art Studios: Term 4

Manningham Art Studios, Level 2, MC Square, 687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Bookings are now open for Term 4 at the Manningham Art Studios. Explore a wide range of art, movement and wellbeing classes, suitable for toddlers through to adults.

Bookings: call 9840 9382 or visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/manningham-art-studios

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#### National Tree Day

**Sunday 31 July, 10.00 am – 12.30 pm**

Register from 9.30 am

Ruffey Lake Park, The Boulevarde, Doncaster (Meet at The Boulevarde car park)

Join us for a community tree planting event and barbecue to celebrate Australia’s largest community tree planting event, Planet Ark’s National Tree Day.

Tools will be provided, please bring gloves and wear appropriate clothing for the weather.

# AUGUST EVENTS

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<td><strong>The Importance of Being Earnest</strong></td>
<td>Friday 12 – Saturday 27 August</td>
<td>Doncaster Playhouse, 679 Doncaster Road, Doncaster</td>
<td>The most renowned of Oscar Wilde's comedies, this is the story of two bachelors and their misadventures as they attempt to win the hearts of two women. Presented by Sherbrooke Theatre Company. Bookings: <a href="http://www.sherbrooketc.org.au">www.sherbrooketc.org.au</a></td>
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<td><strong>Five Steps to a Happy Work-Life Balance</strong></td>
<td>Tuesday 9 August, 7.30 am – 9.00 am</td>
<td>Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster</td>
<td>In this Manningham Business network meeting, Dr Bruce Wells, a happiness expert and professional speaker, will outline five key steps that will allow you to take greater responsibility for a healthier, happier, and more productive lifestyle. Bookings: <a href="http://www.mbn.asn.au">www.mbn.asn.au</a></td>
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<td><strong>Greater Warrandyte Business Expo</strong></td>
<td>Wednesday 17 August, 7.00 am – 6.00 pm</td>
<td>Warrandyte Community Church, Yarra Street, Warrandyte</td>
<td>The expo will showcase the range of local businesses in and around the Warrandyte area and provide opportunities for businesses to develop their skills with seminars and workshops. Supported by Manningham and Nillumbik councils. Bookings: <a href="http://www.warrandytebusinessexpo.com.au">www.warrandytebusinessexpo.com.au</a></td>
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<td><strong>Connecting Businesses Lunch</strong></td>
<td>Wednesday 24 August, 12 noon – 2.00 pm</td>
<td>MC Square, Doncaster and Templestowe Rooms, 687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster</td>
<td>Come together with other Manningham businesses and create relationships to grow your business. Lunch will be provided. Cost $20.00 Bookings: <a href="http://www.manninghambusiness.com.au">www.manninghambusiness.com.au</a></td>
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<td><strong>Saltmarsh Ecology Seminar</strong></td>
<td>Wednesday 3 August, 7.30 pm</td>
<td>Bull and Bush Room, Grand Hotel, Warrandyte</td>
<td>Coastal saltmarsh is scattered along the Victorian coast from the far west to the far east, but about 50 per cent of these have been now lost to development. Geoff Carr, a leading expert on Victorian saltmarshes, will discuss the ecological vegetation classes now recognised. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/environment-seminars">www.manningham.vic.gov.au/environment-seminars</a> or call 9840 9326.</td>
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<td><strong>Council Candidate Information Session</strong></td>
<td>Wednesday 17 August, 7.00 pm</td>
<td>Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster</td>
<td>Potential council election candidates are encouraged to attend this information session to learn about what is expected of a local government councillor. Read more on the back page of this issue. Bookings: call 9840 9403 by Tuesday 16 August or turn up on the night.</td>
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Whipstick Gully Wattle Identification Nature Walk

**Thursday 25 August, 9.30 am – 12 noon**

Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

At the peak of wattle season we will ascend Fourth Hill and Whipstick Gully to seek out the wattles that grow in the harsh stony hills before returning along the river to see the moisture loving species.

Distance: 4 km
Rating: Difficult

The meeting point for each nature walk will be provided at the time of your booking.

Bookings are essential at www.manningham.vic.gov.au/nature-walks

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Let’s Plant Ourselves a Pie

**Wednesday 31 August, 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm**

Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Learn how to grow berries and other pie making fruits at home in this Home Harvest seminar.

Optional food swap from 6.45 pm to 7.00 pm.

For more information, visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/home-harvest or call 9840 9124.

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Small Business Bus

**Wednesday 31 August, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm**

Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Operated by Small Business Victoria, the Small Business Bus is a ‘travelling office on wheels’ and is coming to Manningham.

It offers friendly, professional assistance from an information officer and expert advice from an experienced business mentor.


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Ajani Multicultural Festival

**Saturday 27 August, 12 noon – 4.00 pm**

Ajani Community Hub and Reserve, 284 Thompsons Road, Templestowe Lower

Join a Bulleen and Lower Templestowe community celebration to promote harmony and recognise the many cultures that make up our vibrant community. The event will showcase organisations involved in the Community Hub at Ajani, which aims to improve local access to programs and services.

Enjoy a range of market stalls, cultural activities, food, petting zoo, art activities, face painting and a treasure hunt where every child will win a prize.

For more information, call 9852 4613 or email office@livelearnajani.org.au
**SEPTMBER**

**Melbourne Water Platypus Monitoring Seminar**

**Wednesday 7 September, 7.30 pm**

Bull and Bush Room, Grand Hotel, Warrandyte

Melbourne Water’s Urban Platypus Program has monitored platypus populations in local waterways for 20 years. Wildlife ecologist Josh Griffiths will present on the survey findings and discuss this unique animal’s biology, ecology and conservation status.

For more information, visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/environment-seminars or call 9840 9326.

**Starting a Patch from Scratch**

**Wednesday 28 September 2016, 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm**

Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Learn how to start your very own veggie patch in this Home Harvest seminar.

Optional food swap from 6.45 pm to 7.00 pm.

For more information, visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/home-harvest or call 9840 9124.

**Free Business Advisory Service**

**Wednesday 7 September, 9.00 am – 4.00 pm**

Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

These free confidential one hour, one on one sessions are designed to help with assessing ideas, business planning, growth strategies, addressing challenges and more.

Bookings: call 9840 9310.

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**2016 Manningham Mayoral Community Ball**

Friday 2 September, 7.00 pm

Manningham Function Centre
699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Tickets $80* per person
Early bird bookings before 1 August - $70*
Tables of 10 - $700*

* Price inclusive of GST. Please note booking online will incur a booking fee.

- entertainment
- prizes
- live charity auction

Proceeds from the night will go towards the purchase of specialised exercise equipment for the Manningham Centre to assist local residents in their rehabilitation and in retaining their capacity to remain living at home.

The Manningham Centre is our community’s premier aged care facility, which provides an integrated range of community and residential support services for older people in Manningham.

www.manninghamcentre.com.au

Bookings and enquiries: 9840 9253

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**SAVE THE DATE: Women Inspiring Business Lunch**

**Thursday 6 October, 12 noon – 2.00 pm**

Manningham Business is proud to present the third annual Women Inspiring Business Lunch. This event aims to inspire our leading women in business to achieve their potential.

We will be joined by internationally renowned guest speaker, Moira Kelly, a feisty, no-nonsense, down to earth, big-hearted and very compassionate mum from Melbourne.

For more information, visit www.manninghambusiness.com.au/events/women-inspiring-business-lunch or email business@manningham.vic.gov.au
A safer and more accessible bus stop in Bulleen

Works to upgrade the Thompsons Road bus stop in Bulleen were completed in May. Bus services have since been restored, allowing passengers to resume boarding and disembarking from the upgraded stop.

The upgrade project by Public Transport Victoria has delivered a safer and more accessible bus stop interchange facility for customers. Project benefits include the installation of two additional bus bays, a dedicated drive-through passenger drop-off zone, installation of passenger shelters for each new bus bay, new pedestrian pathways and landscaping.

For more information, please call Public Transport Victoria on 1800 800 007.

What’s important to you in Manningham?

Have your Say to help shape local priorities for the next four years.

We are planning for the future of Manningham by developing a new four year Council Plan and Healthy City Plan. These plans define our mission, vision and our key priorities for the municipality over the next four years.

Our aim is to hear from 1000s of voices from across Manningham to ensure we are well informed about the needs of our diverse community. Please take a few minutes to add your voice on What’s important to you in Manningham? The five themes to get you started are our local environment, places and spaces, community, Council leadership and the local economy.

Submissions close on Friday 2 September 2016.

To have your say, visit www.yoursaymanningham.com.au/1000-of-voices-1-manningham or cut out, complete and return the reply paid slip below.
Introducing the new Manningham Business website

Manningham Business has a new look website, www.manninghambusiness.com.au, which includes a range of features and support for businesses in Manningham, including:

- A local directory of businesses in Manningham – see how you can support local businesses or if you have a business yourself, register your details
- A new events calendar, including a mix of workshops, seminars and industry events available to businesses
- Business support for businesses at all stages from starting a business to strategic planning for the future
- Business news – stay up to date with the latest business information
- Details on our local shopping centres.

Manningham Business also has a regular e-news. To subscribe, visit www.manninghambusiness.com.au/enews

For more information, including how our Economic Development and Tourism Team can assist your business, visit www.manninghambusiness.com.au or call 9840 9310.
Switch to solar, a Positive Charge

We are encouraging residents to make the switch to solar with great deals now available through Positive Charge.

Solar power is a clean, renewable source of energy that can reduce the carbon pollution from your household electricity use and lower your bills.

Supported by Manningham Council, Positive Charge has selected a tried and tested solar supplier and installer to ensure quality solar systems, ranging between 1.5kW – 5kW, are available at affordable prices.

For more information or to register your interest, visit www.positivecharge.com.au or call 9385 8555.

Protecting our trees and other vegetation

Our trees and other vegetation are a stunning and vital part of our local environment. They play a significant role in making Manningham the wonderful place it is to both live and work.

With 67 per cent of Manningham’s trees existing on privately owned land, we are encouraging residents to protect the trees and other vegetation on their properties.

We have a wide variety of resources available to assist in planning for your property’s trees and other vegetation, including guidelines, fact sheets and more. Please remember, if you wish to remove, or lop trees on your property, you may need a planning permit.

For more information, visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/trees

What you need to know about real estate advertising

Manningham property owners are being reminded that unless your property is for sale or lease, you must have a planning permit for any promotional or real estate boards placed on your property.

We have received reports of property owners being asked to place real estate pointer boards on their property to promote homes for sale in their local area, which is not permitted without a planning permit in place. The display of pointer boards on Council land is prohibited.

For homes that are for sale or lease, one sign is permitted on the property, without the need for a planning permit. These signs must not exceed ten square metres in size and must be removed from display within seven days of the property being sold or leased.

For more information on planning permits for real estate advertising in Manningham, please visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/real-estate-advertising or call our Statutory Planning Unit on 9840 9470.
Remembering Inge King, an iconic Australian sculptor

The art world and the Manningham community are mourning the loss of Warrandyte resident, Inge King, who passed away on 23 April 2016 at the age of 100.

One of Australia’s most significant sculptors, Inge King will be remembered for her huge contribution to the development of contemporary art in Australia and her works will continue to inspire generations to come.

The City of Manningham is privileged to be home to two of her sculptures, ‘Rings of Saturn’ (2006), located at the Heide Museum of Modern Art in Bulleen, and ‘Sentinel’ (2000), located at the Doncaster Road exit of the Eastern Freeway.

Food Security in Manningham

Manningham’s Food Security Plan was endorsed in April. One of the key actions is to address the problem some residents face of being unable to provide enough nutritious food for their families.

The plan draws together existing Council and community initiatives and provides an opportunity for partnering with local organisations that can impact food security.

One such group is the Vantage Point Church, which operates Manningham’s largest food bank, assisting families with donations from various sources. Rebecca and her eldest daughter Anabella (pictured) have been clients of the food bank since 2014 and now volunteer each fortnight.

For more information on the Food Security Plan and food banks in Manningham, visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/climate-and-energy

Winter Clean Up Campaign 2016

Is your property prepared for emergency hazards?

We are working in partnership with the Warrandyte Community Association, Nillumbik Shire Council, CFA, SES, Eastern FM and Plenty Valley FM to promote preparedness and the advantages of a year-round approach to property maintenance to mitigate the potential impacts of emergency hazards such as fire, flood and storm.

The campaign will run until 31 August and includes a competition for local residents to share their ‘monthly clean up tip’ and a photograph of them undertaking the work. Monthly prizes will be awarded throughout the campaign. Competition submissions can be sent to yourmonthlytip@cfa.vic.gov.au

For more information, please call our Emergency Management Team on 9846 0585.

L – R: Anabella and her single mum Rebecca have found the food bank a blessing to their family and others, and now volunteer their time there too.

Inge King’s iconic ‘Sentinel’ located in Doncaster.

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Do you know someone who makes our community a better place?

Nominations are now open for the Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Awards 2017.

The annual awards recognise individuals that have made a noteworthy contribution or provided outstanding service to the Manningham community.

The awards will be presented at Council’s Australia Day celebrations on Thursday 26 January 2017.

Nominations close at 5.00 pm on Friday 25 November 2016.

For more information, visit [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/citizennominations](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/citizennominations) or call our Cultural Services Unit on 9840 9405.

Get walking to build community on our streets

Making your neighbourhood better for walking is about more than just footpaths, crossings and lower speed limits. It is also about building friendly streets and getting people to walk more.

As well as its physical health benefits, walking is good for our social wellbeing and creating a sense of connectedness in our local community.

Not for profit walking organisation, Victoria Walks has some helpful hints on how to create a thriving neighbourhood. A few ideas include:

- Get walking
- Kids creating chalk art on the pavement
- Organising street parties or barbecues in the front yard
- Saying hi and waving to people
- Talking to your neighbours.

For more information, visit [www.victoriawalks.org.au/walking_for_social_connection](http://www.victoriawalks.org.au/walking_for_social_connection) or call our Landscape and Leisure Team on 9840 9303.

Join the EnviroYouth Alliance

Are you aged between 15 and 21, live in Manningham and are interested in sustainability and the environment?

Join our EnviroYouth Alliance, a group of passionate young people intent on learning about and getting experience in and improving our local environment. It is free to join and a great way to have an adventure and meet new people.

Not only will you become more environmentally aware and make a difference to your local environment, you will also make professional connections and gain experience in environmental initiatives.

For more information, visit [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/enviro-youth-alliance](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/enviro-youth-alliance) or call our Economic and Environmental Planning Unit on 9840 9132.
New playground for Spring Valley Reserve

Spring Valley Reserve in Templestowe now boasts a range of new play opportunities, including a new playground, basketball and netball ring, and extended cricket pitch.

The new playground includes a hurricane climbing net, swings and a slide, and together with the ball sport areas, ensures the reserve is suitable for a wide range of ages. New picnic tables, extra seating, extensive landscaping and additional planting complement this new exciting playground.

Part of Council’s 2015/16 Neighbourhood Park Development Program, the upgrade was completed in May this year.

For more information on Spring Valley Reserve, visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/spring-valley-reserve

L – R: Cr Jim Grivokostopoulos, Cr Michelle Kleinert and Cr Geoff Gough at the upgraded Spring Valley Reserve.

New playground for Sharon Reserve

Sharon Reserve in Doncaster has a new playground.

The new playground includes a slide, swings, spinner, climbing hut and extensive planting and landscaping to encourage more opportunities for nature play, and is complimented by a new circuit path around the reserve.

This path provides a link to the nearby retirement village, creating pedestrian links through the local street network.

Part of Council’s 2015/16 Neighbourhood Park Development Program, other improvements included installing extra seating within the reserve. The works were completed in June.

For more information on Sharon Reserve, visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/sharon-reserve

L – R: Cr Stephen O’Brien and Cr Dot Haynes at the new playground at Sharon Reserve.
New nature play sculptures at Currawong Bush Park

A series of new nature inspired sculptures and play opportunities have been installed along the trails within Currawong Bush Park in Doncaster East.

The mix of timber sculptures and nature play features, including balancing logs and rocks, are dotted around the trails in the park. Some of the highlights include a wood carved kangaroo, a woven cubby and a wooden sculptural seat featuring ants, a wombat and echidnas.

The new additions to the park were an action of the Mullum Mullum Creek Linear Park Management Plan 2011 and were completed in early May.

For more information on the walking trails within Currawong Bush Park, visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/currawong-bush-park

L–R: Cr Sophy Galbally, Cr Meg Downie and Cr Paul McLeish at the new sculptural seat, featuring ants, a wombat and echidnas, at Currawong Bush Park.
Your Say Manningham

Our online consultation portal at www.yoursaymanningham.com.au encourages our community to have a say on local issues and projects, and to better understand and contribute to Council decision making.

Upcoming consultations include:

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For more information or to have your say, visit www.yoursaymanningham.com.au

Interpreter service

9840 9355

Thinking about joining the Council at the October elections?

Potential council election candidates are encouraged to attend an information session to learn about what is expected of a local government councillor.

The session on Wednesday 17 August at 7.00 pm will be an opportunity for community minded citizens to learn about local government, councillor responsibilities and the election process.

Presentations will be given by a visiting CEO, the Municipal Association of Victoria and the Victorian Electoral Commission.

To attend, please call 9840 9403 by Tuesday 16 August or simply turn up on the night.

The session will be held in the Council Chamber, Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster.

Council meeting dates

Tuesday 26 July, 7.00 pm, Council Chamber, Manningham Civic Centre

Tuesday 30 August, 7.00 pm, Council Chamber, Manningham Civic Centre

Cover image: The newly redeveloped entrance foyer at the Aquarena Aquatic and Leisure Centre in Doncaster.

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