

# ManninghamMatters

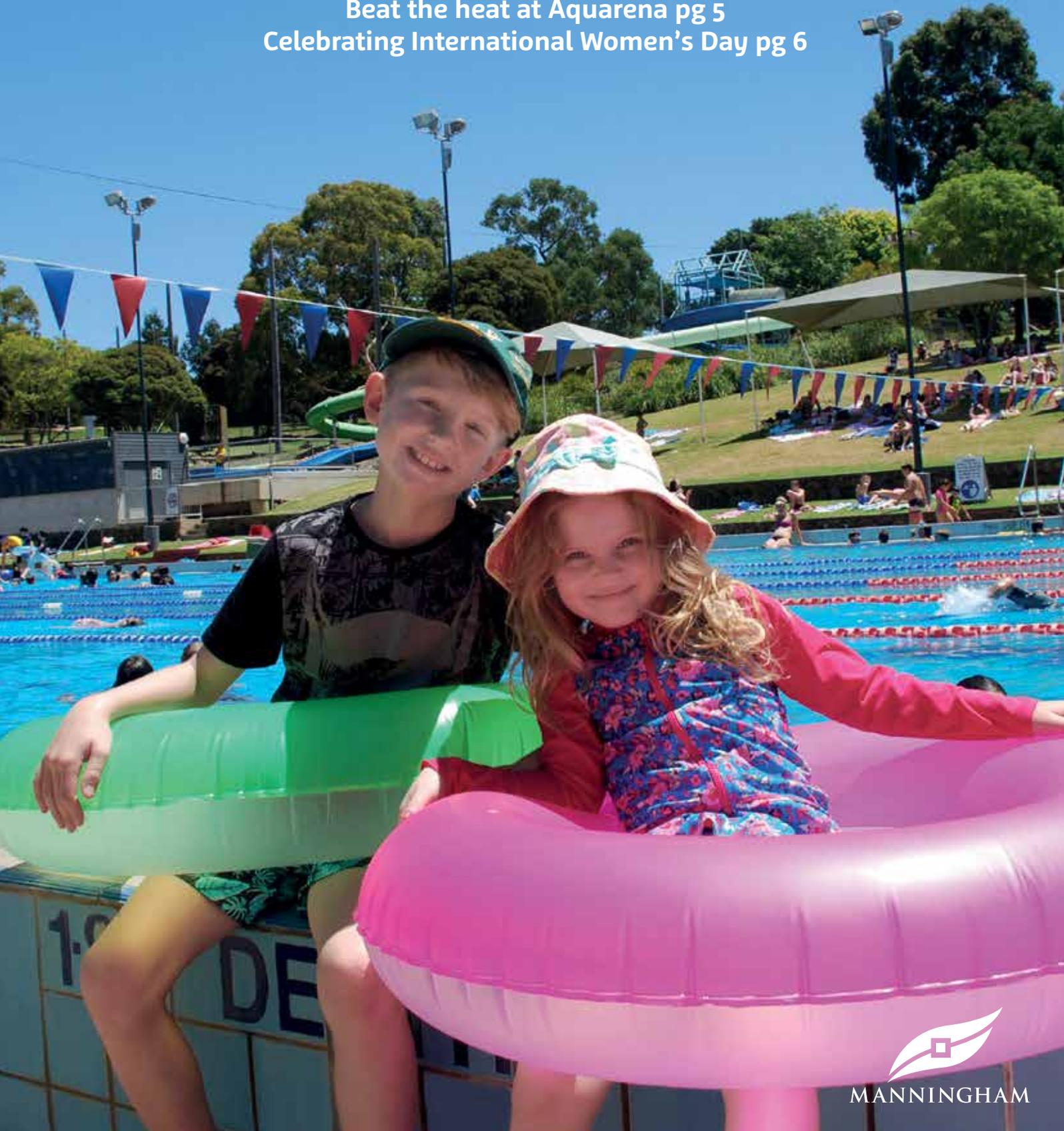
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MANNINGHAM

# Message from the Mayor



**Welcome to 2017 and our first edition of *Manningham Matters* for the year.**

I hope you were able to spend some time with family and friends over the Christmas and New Year period and feel refreshed and rejuvenated. Chinese New Year has just passed where we ushered in the year of the Rooster, and I trust the members of our community who celebrate this annual event did so in great fashion.

An exciting year lies ahead for us here at Manningham and I encourage you to make the most of what makes our municipality great, such as getting out and about in our fantastic parks (see page 11), the state of the art Aquarena facility (see page five) and at our community events.

Harmony Day, Cultural Diversity Week and International Women's Day are all fast approaching and we are continuing to partner with local community groups

and organisations to put on events which the community enjoy and can feel connected to. Read more about these on page six.

Manningham is a vibrant, inclusive and welcoming municipality and we should all feel proud to live in such a great part of the world. Our focus is to continue making Manningham great and I look forward to catching up with you, and sharing news about our City in future editions of *Manningham Matters*.



**Cr Michelle Kleinert**  
Mayor

## 2017 Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year

**Ronald Twining and Samantha Lane have been announced as Manningham's Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year for 2017.**

A Templestowe resident for more than 28 years, Ron has been a long-serving Justice of the Peace, attending to Manningham residents' needs for more than 30 years, mostly from his own home.

A former Criminal Investigation Branch Fraud Squad Detective with Victoria Police, Ron is currently President of Templestowe RSL and has conducted Anzac and Remembrance Day services for the past 12 years. A much loved neighbour and member of the local community, Ron's commitment to Manningham in many areas has been outstanding.

A volunteer with Doncaster All Abilities Basketball for the past six years, 23 year old Samantha Lane has a passion for assisting those with special needs and has played an integral part in the organisation of the competition. At the stadium for games two nights every week, Samantha has also organised school holiday clinics and several workshops to help participants further develop their life skills, through which many have gone into employment.

Ron and Samantha were formally recognised for their outstanding contributions to the local community at this year's Australia Day celebrations.



*Manningham's 2017 Citizen of the Year, Ronald Twining and Young Citizen of the Year, Samantha Lane.*

# Be prepared this fire season

The fire season was officially declared on 3 January and will continue until the Country Fire Authority (CFA) lifts the restrictions. Much of the eastern part of Manningham is a Bushfire Prone Area and it's important you and your family are prepared and have your emergency management plan in place.

The CFA has urged all households to ensure they have discussed and decided on their bushfire plan. As part of your plan, talk to all members of your household and make sure everyone knows what you will do. Some big decisions you need to make together are:

- Which Fire Danger Rating is your trigger to leave?
- Will you leave early that morning or the night before?
- Where will you go?
- What route will you take – and what is your alternative in the event that a fire is already in the area?
- What will you take with you?
- What do you need to organise for your pets or livestock?
- Who do you need to keep informed of your movements?
- Is there anyone outside your household who you need to help or check up on?
- How will you stay informed about warnings and updates?

Fires can start and spread very quickly threatening lives and property. Leaving early is the safest option for anyone in a high risk bushfire area. Leaving early means being away from high risk areas before there are any signs of fire. Don't wait and see.

Visit [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/) your-bushfire-plan for detailed information on how to best decide on, and activate your emergency management plan.

## Other key resources to stay informed this fire season:

### Radio

ABC Melbourne: 774 AM

3AW: 693 AM

Eastern FM 98.1 FM

Plenty Valley FM: 88.6FM

### Online

VicEmergency: [www.emergency.vic.gov.au](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au)

CFA: [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

Weather forecasts: [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)

## Watch out for heat stroke this summer

While we are in the midst of summer it is also important to ensure you are prepared for, and know what to do during extreme heat. Heatwave is an emergency that many people underestimate, and it can have serious and potentially life-threatening consequences.

## SURVIVE THE HEAT

Heat kills more Australians than any other natural disaster



### DRINK WATER

Even if you don't feel thirsty, drink water. Take a bottle with you always.



### KEEP COOL

Seek out air-conditioned buildings, draw your blinds, use a fan, take cool showers and dress in light and loose clothing made from natural fabrics.



### HOT CARS KILL

Never leave kids, older people or pets in cars. The temperature inside a parked car can double within minutes.



### PLAN AHEAD

Schedule activities in the coolest part of the day and avoid exercising in the heat. If you must go out, wear a hat and sunscreen and take a bottle of water with you.



### CHECK IN ON OTHERS

Look after those most at risk in the heat – your neighbour living alone, older people, the young, people with a medical condition and don't forget your pets.



An artist's impression of the proposed upgrade.

## Future plans for Westfield Doncaster

**A combined Independent Panel and Advisory Committee will consider submissions made by the community and other interested parties on the proposed future plans for Westfield Doncaster in March/April 2017.**

Council has considered submissions on the proposed changes to the Manningham Planning Scheme and a Development Plan for Westfield Doncaster, following community consultation in August 2016 and has referred them to an Independent Panel and Advisory Committee.

The changes to the Planning Scheme, known as Amendment C104, and draft development plan propose:

- An additional approximately 43,000sqm of retail (shop) floor space and 18,000sqm of commercial (office) space generally on the northern part of the site

- A commercial 'gateway' building with a maximum height of 10 to 14 storeys above a two level podium 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 and improved public spaces.

The Independent Panel and Advisory Committee will review Amendment C104 and make recommendations to Council later this year.

**For more information, visit [www.yoursaymanningham.com.au/Amendment-C104](http://www.yoursaymanningham.com.au/Amendment-C104) or call 9840 9133.**

## Manningham Community Grants Program now open

**Council's 2017/18 Community Grants Program applications are now open.**

Local groups and organisations that deliver activities which involve and benefit our local community are invited to apply in the following categories:

- Community Development Grants (\$3,001 to \$20,000) – for activities that benefit and meet the needs of Manningham's diverse community
- Arts and Culture Grants (\$3,001 to \$20,000) – for activities that celebrate community life and enhance community connections by providing access to local arts, culture and heritage
- Small Grants (up to \$3,000) – to deliver one-off, innovative activities that strengthen our community and enhance the quality of life of Manningham residents.

Applications close on Friday 10 March at 5.00 pm and must be developed and submitted through SmartyGrants at <https://manningham.smartygrants.com.au>

Support is available to any group or organisation that requires assistance with their grant application.

**To discuss your application with the Community Grants Project Team, call 9840 9305. For more information and to subscribe to receive updates about upcoming grant rounds and training, visit [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/community-grant-program](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/community-grant-program)**



Donvale Bowling Club is one of the organisations that received a Community Grant in 2016. Pictured: Sheldon Lipschitz and Jeff Grant.

# Be water safe

Drowning is one of the leading causes of death for Australian children under five years of age and while Manningham isn't located on the coast, Council urges all residents to remain vigilant, and to be aware of the risks and stay safe around pools, dams, lakes and rivers.

Being around water is part of everyday life in Australia, and children are especially interested in water but with that interest comes a higher risk of drowning.

Backyard swimming pools are the most common location where toddler drowning incidents occur. Toddlers can drown in as little as a few centimetres of water, meaning wading pools, eskies with melted ice, buckets and even pet drinking bowls can be a potential hazard.

There are some easy steps to ensure safety for your children this summer when around water:

- Be close – always be within arm's reach of your child/children
- Focus all attention – focus all of your attention on your child/children and watch, talk and play with them when they are in the water
- All of the time – never leave your child alone in the water, nor should they be left in the care of an older child.

Evidence suggests that a large number of drowning deaths in pools are as a result of fencing that is faulty or non-compliant with Australian Standards, so we encourage all pool owners to check the safety of their pool fences and surrounding areas.

**For information about how to stay water safe at the pool, river or beach, visit [www.watersafety.vic.gov.au](http://www.watersafety.vic.gov.au)**

# Have fun, stay cool and beat the heat at Aquarena

**This summer the whole family can stay cool and escape the heat at Manningham's world class Aquatic and Leisure Centre, Aquarena.**

After a recent \$21.4 million refurbishment, the centre is now a world class venue providing an even wider range of health, fitness and aquatic facilities and services to all members of the community.

With a huge range of diverse aquatic experiences on offer, including indoor and outdoor heated pools, giant waterslides, a dive pool, toddlers' pools, outdoor waterplay area and more, Aquarena is the perfect destination for families and anyone wanting to enjoy endless hours of fun, all summer long.

The centre also offers swimming lessons for children of all ages. The YMCA swimming lessons program provides participants with the opportunity to learn essential swimming and water safety skills through a progressive aquatic education program. Classes are designed to provide a solid foundation for a lifelong enjoyment of the water.

Aquarena Aquatic and Leisure Centre is located at 139 Williamsons Road, Doncaster.

**For more information about the facilities on offer and opening hours, visit [www.aquarena.ymca.org.au](http://www.aquarena.ymca.org.au) or call 9848 0000.**



## Celebrate Cultural Diversity Week

Council is celebrating Manningham's diversity throughout Cultural Diversity Week, 18 – 26 March.

Join us at MC Square on Tuesday 21 March at 10.30 am – 12.30 pm for the unveiling of our Welcome Bench, a piece which has been beautifully inscribed with messages of welcome to migrants and refugees from the people of Manningham.

Following the unveiling outside at MC Square, head upstairs to the Doncaster and Templestowe Room for the Harmony Day Colourfest Short Film Showcase. These films will portray the successes and challenges of migrant communities, with a focus in 2017 on the settlement experiences of asylum seekers and refugees.

RSVP essential at [bookings1@manningham.vic.gov.au](mailto:bookings1@manningham.vic.gov.au)

**For more information on Cultural Diversity Week events, call 9840 9281 or visit [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/events](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/events)**

# International Women's Day 2017

## Women Inspiring Women

**SUNDAY 5 MARCH  
11.30 am – 3.30 pm**

**Manningham Function Centre  
699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster**

Manningham Council in partnership with the Food for Thought Network presents an afternoon of inspirational dialogue from remarkable women.

Join us for an extended luncheon and be inspired by our distinguished guest speakers and their actions towards gender equality.

Enjoy a delicious two course lunch and beverages with local entertainment and door prizes. Tickets: \$60 per person.

**For bookings and more information, visit [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/IWD](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/IWD) or call 9840 9405.**

## Get active this April

The annual Premier's Active April challenge is coming up and is a great way for everyone to get out and about and enjoy the benefits of an active lifestyle.

Part of the Victorian Government's commitment to boost physical activity, Active April encourages people to commit to 30 minutes of physical activity each day throughout April.

There will be a range of activities to get involved in locally including a mix of Council and community run events.

If you are a member of a community organisation, local club or group and are interested in hosting your own Active April events, let us know by emailing [eeadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au](mailto:eeadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au)

**For more information including events and activities, visit [www.activeapril.vic.gov.au](http://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au)**



## Active Travel Program in 2017

Council's Active Travel Program is again in full swing encouraging children and families to get active as they travel to and from school.

Embrace national events including Ride2School Day on Friday 17 March and Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 19 May.

**For more information, visit, [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/active-travel-program](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/active-travel-program) or call our Landscape and Leisure team on 9840 9303.**

# Manningham Events Calendar

## FEBRUARY

### Playgroup for Manningham families

**Wednesdays 10.30 am – 12 noon, during school term**

Bulleen Maternal and Child Health Centre, 5-7 Derreck Avenue, Bulleen

A free playgroup for families with maternal and child health support. Suitable for parents with children from zero to five years.

For more information, call 9840 9188.

### Connecting Business Lunch

**Wednesday 22 February, 12 noon – 2.00 pm**

Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Band together with other Manningham businesses and create relationships to grow your business. Lunch will be provided.

Cost \$25

Bookings:  
[www.manninghambusiness.com.au](http://www.manninghambusiness.com.au)

### Nature Walk: Jumping Creek to Warrandyte Bridge

**Thursday 23 February, 9.30 am**

Follow the river over the escarpment and then onto alluvial flats, through an old orchard and past some gold mining heritage in Warrandyte. Distance: 3.5 km. Rating: Difficult.

Please note, this walk will involve a four kilometre shared car shuttle as the walk is one way.

The meeting point for this walk will be provided at the time of booking.

Bookings essential: [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/nature-walks](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/nature-walks)



### Parent Information Session: Sleep

**Friday 24 February, 10.00 am – 11.30 am**

Level 1, Donvale Room, MC Square, 687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Information to assist you and your child with sleep and settling will be discussed within the framework of child development and secure relationships.

Suitable for parents of children from 12 months to four years of age. All sessions are facilitated by a Maternal and Child Health Nurse. These sessions have been designed for parents only.

Cost: \$10

Bookings essential: 9840 9188.

### Warrandyte Pottery Expo

**Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 February, 10.00 am – 5.30 pm**

Riverbank (Opposite Warrandyte Hotel), Warrandyte

Community run arts event featuring local and regional potters selling their treasures. Enjoy riverside music, food and a great family atmosphere.

For more information, visit [www.potteryexpo.com](http://www.potteryexpo.com)

### Smarter Living program: Waste free living tips from past generations

**Wednesday 22 February, 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm**

Waratah Room, Whitehorse Centre, 397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading

In this workshop Rebecca Sullivan (pictured), who launched the Granny Skills movement, will talk through the movement and what we can take from past generations for waste free simple living.

Bookings are essential as places are limited: [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/smarter-living-workshop-series](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/smarter-living-workshop-series)

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### Manningham Art Studios

Bookings for the Easter Creative School Holiday Fun program will be opening in March, with a wide range of workshops on offer to keep kids creative and active over the school holidays.

For more information, call 9840 9382.



## MARCH

### Free Business Advisory Service

**Wednesday 1 March,  
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: 9840 9310

### Environment Seminar: Botanical geography and history across Bass Strait

**Wednesday 1 March, 7.30 pm**

Grand Hotel Warrandyte,  
110 Yarra Street, Warrandyte

Presented by Dr Matt Dell, who will discuss the influence of Bass Strait on the distribution of plants in Victoria and Tasmania, including species local to Manningham.

Bookings are not required.

For more information, visit [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/environment-seminars](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/environment-seminars)

### Environment Field Trip: Plant ecology tour with Dr Matt Dell

**Saturday 4 March, 10.00 am – 12 noon**

Grand Hotel Warrandyte,  
110 Yarra Street, Warrandyte

Dr Dell will share his knowledge of plant ecology during a walk in the Jumping Creek Reserve. He will discuss differing ecological vegetation community habitats and identify both vascular and non-vascular plants.

To participate in this field trip, you must attend the seminar on 1 March. Bookings essential as places are limited, phone 9840 9124.

For more information, visit [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/environment-seminars](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/environment-seminars)

### Fun Run Warrandyte

**Sunday 5 March, 8.00 am**

Warrandyte Reserve (Taroona Avenue to Pound Bend Reserve), Warrandyte

A fun run offering various distance options to raise money for the Warrandyte Sporting Group and STOP One Punch Can Kill. Suitable for all levels of ability and are open to ages.

For more information, visit [www.warrandytesports.com.au/run-warrandyte](http://www.warrandytesports.com.au/run-warrandyte)



### Manningham Business Network Meeting: Information Security 101

**Tuesday 14 March, 7.30 am – 9.00 am**

Manningham Civic Centre,  
699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Greg Collings of Computer Age will cover the ever changing world of cyber communication, including how to secure your internet based devices and web speed time.

Bookings: [www.mbn.asn.au](http://www.mbn.asn.au)

### Working from Home Workshop

**Wednesday 15 March,  
12 noon – 2.00 pm**

Manningham Civic Centre,  
699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Enjoy lunch and questions with the Victorian Small Business Commissioner's Office, Manningham Business staff and Manningham Council's planning unit.

Cost: \$20

Bookings: [www.manninghambusiness.com.au](http://www.manninghambusiness.com.au)

### Baby Sleep Settling Information Sessions

**Thursday 16 March and  
Thursday 20 April, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm**

Deep Creek Maternal and Child Health Centre, 510 - 518 Blackburn Road, Doncaster East

Increase your understanding of your baby's behaviour and learn techniques that will help you and your baby establish sleep patterns that will work for your family.

These monthly sessions are based on feed, play and sleep strategies. For babies aged up to six months of age.

Cost: \$28 (Manningham residents)  
\$40 (non-residents) \$11 (Healthcare card holders)

Bookings essential, call 9840 9199.



### Twilight Cinema: 'Babe'

**Friday 17 March, 7.30 pm**

Heide Museum of Modern Art,  
7 Templestowe Road, Bulleen

Enjoy an open air screening of the family movie, *Babe* (rated G) in the Heide Museum of Modern Art gardens. BYO picnic or purchase food and drinks at the event. Pre movie games and musical entertainment from 6.00 pm, with the movie screening at sunset. BYO picnic rugs and chairs.

For more information and bookings, visit [www.heide.com.au](http://www.heide.com.au)

## MARCH

### JamFactory Icon Gerry Wedd: Kitschen Man

Showing until Saturday 18 March

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

Kitschen Man is a JamFactory touring exhibition and has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council for the Arts, its arts funding and advisory body.

*Manningham Art Gallery is proudly supported by Bendigo Community Bank.*



Image: Gerry Wedd, 'Midget' Jar, 2016.  
Courtesy the artist and JamFactory. Photo Andrew Cowen.

### Wiser Walker Wiser Traveller

Tuesday 21 and 28 and Thursday 23 and 30 March,  
10.00 am – 12.30 pm

Manningham Civic Centre,  
699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Wiser Walker Wiser Traveller is a free four session course providing information on a range of transport options and support services for older people to remain mobile and travel confidently. The course will cover walking, cycling, scooters, taxis, community transport, discount travel passes, Myki and more.

Bookings essential, call 9846 0537.

### Harmony Day

Wednesday 22 March,  
7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

Function Centre,  
Manningham Civic Centre,  
699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australia's diversity. The Manningham Interfaith Network invites you to a free evening of celebration focused on caring and sharing, presented by local schools and local Sikh, Muslim, Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, Hindu and Baha'i communities; and proudly supported by a Manningham Council community grant.

Bookings essential via  
dothaynes041@gmail.com or call  
0425718937.

### Nature Walk: Westerfolds Wandering

Thursday 23 March, 9.30 am

The Westerfolds section of Yarra Valley Parklands was saved from development in the 1970s and now forms part of a valuable habitat link stretching all the way from Kinglake National Park through to Yarra Bend Park at the city's edge. Distance: 5 km. Rating: easy to moderate.

The meeting point for this walk will be provided at the time of booking.

Booking essential: [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/nature-walks](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/nature-walks)



### Warrandyte Festival

Friday 24 – Sunday 26 March

Stiggants Reserve, Warrandyte

A highlight in the Manningham annual events calendar, this community driven festival features the best local arts, crafts, music and entertainment for all the family.

For more information, visit  
[www.warrandytefestival.org](http://www.warrandytefestival.org)

### Smarter Living program: Preserving the Harvest

Wednesday 29 March,  
7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

Manningham Civic Centre,  
699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Come and learn some techniques to safely preserve fruits and vegies with all natural ingredients from Maria Ciavarella (pictured below), who owns and operates My Green Garden.

Booking are essential as places are limited: [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/smarter-living-workshop-series](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/smarter-living-workshop-series)

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### National Youth Week

31 March – 9 April

National Youth Week is an annual, week long celebration of young people (aged 12–25) throughout Australia.

To find out what's on in Manningham, call 9840 9246 or visit  
[www.manningham.vic.gov.au/events](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/events)

## APRIL

### The Melbourne Didgeridoo and Cultural Festival

**Sunday 2 April, 1.00 pm – 9.00 pm**

Finns Reserve, Duncan Street,  
Lower Templestowe

A celebration featuring world class music, entertainment, arts and food in a family friendly festival environment.

For more information, visit  
[www.didgefestival.com.au](http://www.didgefestival.com.au)

### Free Business Advisory Service

**Wednesday 5 April, 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: 9840 9310.

### Environment Seminar: Our Wildlife Neighbours

**Wednesday 5 April, 7.30 pm**

Grand Hotel Warrandyte,  
110 Yarra Street, Warrandyte

Presented by John Harris, who will discuss the results of fauna surveys undertaken in Currawong Bush Park and 100 Acres Reserve. More than 70 species of wildlife were recorded including microbats. Bookings are not required.

For more information, visit  
[www.manningham.vic.gov.au/environment-seminars](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/environment-seminars)

### Easter Pop Up Play Date

**Friday 7 April, 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm**

MC Square Forecourt,  
687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Bring the kids along to a free after school play date featuring games and arts activities celebrating Easter. For more information, call 9840 9246.

### Environment Field Trip: Spotlight and microbat survey walk

**Saturday 8 April, 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm**

John Harris will lead a spotlight walk around 100 Acres Reserve. He will attempt to trap some microbats to educate attendees about these local animals and allow for a closer look. To participate in this field trip you must attend the seminar on 5 April. The meeting point will be provided at the time of booking.

Bookings are essential as places are limited, call 9840 9124.

### The Melbourne Passion Play

**Palm Sunday: Sunday 9 April, 1.30 pm**  
**Good Friday: Friday 14 April, 10.00 am**

The Monastery Holy Cross Centre,  
207 Serpells Road, Templestowe

An annual Easter event capturing the life story of Jesus in an outstanding production that takes the audience on a remarkable journey through time.

For more information, visit  
[www.passionplay.info](http://www.passionplay.info)

### Manningham Business Network Meeting: How to build your marketing movement

**Tuesday 11 April, 7.30 am – 9.00 am**

Manningham Civic Centre,  
699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Learn from Paul McCarthy, CEO and Founder of the Marketers Club. His proven marketing tactics have allowed entrepreneurs in almost every imaginable industry to improve not only the profitability of their business but the quality of life their business delivers.

Bookings: [www.mbn.asn.au](http://www.mbn.asn.au)



### Smarter Living program: Curbing clothing waste

**Wednesday 19 April, 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm**

Waratah Room, Whitehorse Centre,  
397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading

Our panel of experts (including image consultant Peta Stephenson, pictured) will take you through the ins and outs of the secondhand clothing industry.

Bookings are essential as places are limited: [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/smarter-living-workshop-series](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/smarter-living-workshop-series)

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### Bulleen Block Party

**Sunday 23 April, 11.00 am – 3.00 pm**

Morris Williams Reserve, Rocklea Road,  
Bulleen (formerly Yarraleen Reserve)

Free activities for all, including nature play, jumping castle, pony rides, face painting and community stalls.

For more information, visit  
[www.manningham.vic.gov.au/events](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/events) or call 9840 9246.

# Manningham Victorian Ceramic Art Award 2017

**Entries are now open for the 2017 Manningham Victorian Ceramic Art Award.**

This biennial acquisitive award and exhibition has been a highlight of the Manningham Art Gallery program since it was established in 2009, featuring work by many of Victoria's finest ceramic artists.

Through the award, Council has acquired works by artists such as Christopher Headley, Paul Wood, Dean Smith, Vipoo Srivilasa and Prue Venables, to name but a few.

The 2017 award will feature a Major Award of \$10,000 and a further Merit Award Acquisitions prize pool of \$4,000. Entries close Monday 26 June 2017.

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**For full details and to enter, visit [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/gallery](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/gallery)**

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*Enjoy all that Manningham's parks have to offer, including free outdoor gym equipment.*

## Make the most of Manningham's parks

**With the warm weather now upon us, there's never been a better time to get out and about and make the most of Manningham's beautiful parks.**

Our parks provide free and fun social recreation and play opportunities for everyone, and thanks to a number of outdoor gyms located among them, they also provide an opportunity for a free daily workout.

Jenkins Park in Templestowe, Ted Ajani Reserve in Lower Templestowe, Doncaster Reserve in East Doncaster, Koonung Park and Morris Williams Reserve in Bulleen all offer outdoor exercise equipment perfect to help you get moving after the Christmas and New Year period.

In 2017, Council will also be upgrading eight parks as part of the annual Neighbourhood Park Development Program, which will see new playgrounds and equipment, as well as new path networks and seating. All neighbourhood park upgrades will be carried out in consultation with the local community.

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**For more information on Manningham parks, visit [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/parks](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/parks)**

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## Detox your home

**Safely dispose of unwanted toxic household chemicals at the Detox Your Home drop off day in Doncaster East, on Saturday 25 March between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm.**

The Detox Your Home drop off day provides a free and easy-to-use service for residents to safely dispose of common, highly toxic household chemicals without harming your health or the environment.

To manage traffic flow and avoid queues on the day, it is vital to register your attendance online at [www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome](http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome)

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**Visit [www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome](http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome) for a full list of accepted items or call Council's Waste Management Team on 9846 0579 for more information.**

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*Rid your home of unwanted chemicals like these at the Detox Your Home drop off day.*



Five local businesses were awarded Five Star Food Excellence Awards presented by Mayor, Cr Michelle Kleinert.

## Five Star Food Safety Excellence Awards announced

Council has presented five food businesses with a Five Star Food Excellence Award for their outstanding performance and ongoing commitment to safe food handling during 2016.

The winners are determined following annual assessments by Council's Environmental Health Officers of medium and high-risk food businesses in Manningham.

A total of 69 food businesses were recognised as part of the program for 2016, for demonstrating safe food handling practices and compliance with their Food Safety Program.

From this the top five businesses awarded were; CCSSCI On Luck Chinese Nursing Home in Donvale, Gloryland Childcare and Kindergarten in Doncaster East, Macedon Fish Bowl in Templestowe Lower, Tasty Morsels Catering in Doncaster East and Donvale Christian College in Donvale.

For more information on the awards, visit [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/five-star-food-safety-awards](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/five-star-food-safety-awards)

### Managing vegetation on your property – check before you chop

One of Manningham's most valued features is the balance of City and Country, with a range of urban areas surrounded by vast natural areas.

To protect these features, residents are generally required to get a Planning Permit before vegetation can be removed.

In high risk fire danger areas there are some exemptions to allow vegetation removal from around your house. These apply to houses built before 10 September 2009 and include:

- The 10/30 Exemption, which applies if there is no Bushfire Management Overlay on the property, this means permits are not required to remove trees for up to 10 metres around an existing house or clear any other vegetation (except trees) up to 30 metres from your house.
- The 10/50 Exemption, which applies if there is a Bushfire Management Overlay over your land, this means permits are not required to remove trees for up to 10 metres around an existing house or clear any other vegetation (except trees) for up to 50 metres from your house.

In some instances properties are affected by Section 173 Agreements, and these do not allow exemptions.

We also remind you to be cautious of people door knocking offering to do arborist activities on your property. If you are door knocked, be sure to seek some advice before you accept their proposal.

For more information, call our Statutory Planning Unit on 9840 9470 or visit [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/trees](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/trees)

## Be flood safe, be prepared

During the storm event of 29 December, parts of Manningham received 83 mm of rain, with 72 mm falling in a one hour period, resulting in localised flash flooding.

A reminder that storms can happen at any time of the year and it is important to be prepared; flash flooding is associated with intense, short duration storm events, which temporarily overwhelm drainage systems.

Some tips to prepare your household for a flash flood event include:

- Check if your home is subject to flooding or could be cut off by flood water
- Check your insurance policies to ensure you are covered for flood damage
- Know the safest way to go if you decide to leave your property
- Develop an Emergency Plan and Emergency Kit.

For more tips and information, visit [www.floodsafe.com.au](http://www.floodsafe.com.au)

# 2017 MONSTER COMMUNITY RAFFLE

## The Manningham Monster Community Raffle is back

Need an easy way to raise funds for your not-for-profit organisation? The 2017 Manningham Monster Community Raffle is here to help.

From now until June 2017, all Manningham based community organisations, schools and sporting clubs that take part in the raffle will receive \$1.50 for every \$2 ticket sold. The remaining 50 cents goes to the Manningham Charitable Fund to support welfare services offered by charitable organisations within our community.

The best part? This raffle has \$10,000 worth of prizes up for grabs. The Kiwanis Club of Manningham runs the raffle with the support of Council. The only cost for you is time taken to sell the tickets – and spread the word to all your friends.

**For more information or to register, visit [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/monsterraffle](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/monsterraffle) or call Sean Keefe (Kiwanis Club) at 9872 8238.**

## Time to register your pet for 2017

Dog and cat registration helps to ensure that lost pets can be quickly reunited with their owners, giving you peace of mind should your pet go missing. So it is important to ensure your cats and dogs are registered with Council.

Dogs and cats must be microchipped and registered with Council by three months of age and registrations for the coming year are due for renewal on Monday 10 April 2017. All animals that are being registered with Council for the first time must be microchipped.

Registration of a desexed dog is \$49 and \$32 for a desexed cat. However, if your pet is not desexed the costs are \$147 for a dog and \$135 for a cat. Pensioners are entitled to a 50 per cent discount.

**To register a new animal or for more information, call 9840 9333 or visit [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/animal-registration](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/animal-registration)**

## Crowd wowed at Carols by Candlelight

**A crowd of 11,000 converged on Ruffey Lake Park in December to spread some Christmas cheer at Manningham's annual Carols by Candlelight.**

The Manningham Concert Band performed alongside the Melbourne Contemporary Choir and were joined by soloists Richard Thomas, Mel Searle, Michael Prizeman, Jessica D'Souza and Mareshah Lawton.

Council wishes to thank its event partners, Barry Plant, Silverstone Volvo, ANZ, Leader Community Newspaper, JD Group, Doncaster Hill Dental and Yarra Valley Water.



# Heide Ward

## Bolin Bolin Integrated Water Management Project underway

Manningham Council in partnership with the City of Boroondara and Carey Baptist Grammar School, and with the support of Melbourne Water, the Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning (DELWP) and the Federal Government, have commenced the construction of an 'Integrated Water Harvesting Facility' abutting the Bolin Bolin Billabong site in Bulleen.

The project will treat stormwater from the catchment north east of Bulleen Road for reuse and irrigation of sports grounds located at Bulleen Park, the Carey Sports Complex and the Freeway Golf Course.

The project is anticipated to harvest approximately 35 megalitres of stormwater every year, significantly relieving demand for the use of mains water, reducing pollution into the Yarra River and minimising the demand for extraction of water from the river for irrigation purposes.

Construction has begun and will continue through to August 2017.

**For more information visit,**  
[www.yoursaymanningham.com.au](http://www.yoursaymanningham.com.au)



*Work begins on the site for the Bolin Bolin Integrated Water Management project.*

# Koonung Ward

## Doncaster Hill Community Garden



*Vasili shared his tips how to grow chemical-free produce with the Doncaster Hill Community Garden volunteers.*

**If you have a passion for gardening and would like to make a difference, it is time to unleash your inner green thumb and get involved in the Doncaster Hill Community Garden.**

Unlike a 'traditional' garden, this is a shared backyard where people with a passion for home grown food can connect and grow fresh produce, which is donated to local charities and Doncare's emergency relief pantry.

Recently, Doncaster Hill Community Garden volunteers welcomed a visit from Vasili from the popular TV show, *Vasili's Garden*. The TV host spent time with volunteers before sharing tips at a seminar on how to grow organic home grown food without using chemicals.

**To find out more about the Doncaster Hill Community Garden and how you can get involved, visit [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/doncaster-hill-community-garden](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/doncaster-hill-community-garden)**

# Mullum Mullum Ward

## New plaques celebrate heritage in Warrandyte

A series of five new heritage plaques have been installed at historic buildings within the Warrandyte Township to celebrate the local history of the area.

The historically significant buildings include:

- Warrandyte Grand Hotel
- Former Warrandyte Post Office
- Warrandyte Bakery
- Gospel Chapel
- Butcher's shop.

A partnership project between Manningham Council and the Warrandyte Historical Society, each of the plaques tells a story of the history of each building to provide local residents and visitors with an insight into the important history of the Warrandyte Township.

**For more information on local heritage places, visit [www.manningham.vic.gov.au/history](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/history)**



Warrandyte Historical Society member, Neil Abbott, local business owner, Audrey Drechsler, Mayor Cr Michelle Kleinert, Warrandyte Historical Society President, Margaret Kelly and Warrandyte Historical Society Secretary, Valerie Polley at the former Warrandyte Post Office.

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# Have your Say

Your Say Manningham is our online consultation portal where we encourage the community to have your say, share ideas and provide feedback on issues and projects that are important to you.

Topics of conversation include a wide range of community issues such as proposed planning changes, strategy and policy updates, park upgrades and much more.

Anyone can visit the website and share their views. Visit, [www.yoursaymanningham.com.au](http://www.yoursaymanningham.com.au)

# your say manningham

## Our sites

**Manningham Council**  
[www.manningham.vic.gov.au](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au)

**Community Directory**  
[www.manninghamdirect.com.au](http://www.manninghamdirect.com.au)

**Your Say Manningham**  
[www.yoursaymanningham.com.au](http://www.yoursaymanningham.com.au)

**Jobs at Manningham**  
[www.manningham.vic.gov.au/jobs](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/jobs)

**Manningham Function Centre**  
[www.manninghamfunctioncentre.com.au](http://www.manninghamfunctioncentre.com.au)

**Doncaster Hill**  
[www.doncasterhill.com](http://www.doncasterhill.com)

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## Interpreter service



**9840 9355**

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[www.youtube.com/ManninghamCouncil](http://www.youtube.com/ManninghamCouncil)

## Council meeting dates

**Tuesday 21 February**, Council Chamber, Manningham Civic Centre

**Tuesday 28 March**, Council Chamber, Manningham Civic Centre

**Wednesday 26 April**, Council Chamber, Manningham Civic Centre

Cover image: Kaleb and Tuané cool off at Aquarena during the school holidays. Find out more about Aquarena on page five.

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