Message from the Mayor

This has been both exciting and challenging, given the rate capping environment.

With this in mind, we’ve been very mindful of the realities and challenges ahead to ensure we remain sustainable and act as responsible custodians for current and future generations to come. The draft Council Plan and Budget, along with key strategic documents – the Strategic Resource Plan and our Healthy City Plan will be on public exhibition and open for comment from the end of April to the end of May (more on page 5).

April is a busy time. Having just had the school holidays and the Easter break, I hope you are all feeling refreshed and ready to participate in celebrating Anzac Day (see details on page 6).

Finally, I wanted to share with you something that is very close to my heart. I have identified that there’s no mental health programs for young people in Manningham. I am really excited to announce that Council is working with headspace Hawthorn to bring a dedicated program to our City.

Therefore, the 2017 Mayoral Community Ball, on Friday 13 October, will be dedicated to raising money to get the program here.

headspace is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation providing early intervention mental health services to 12-25 year olds. The service is designed to make it as easy as possible for a young person and their family to get the help they need for problems affecting their wellbeing. This covers four core areas: mental health, physical health, work and study support, and alcohol and other drug services.

Mental health is a real and growing issue. I am glad as Mayor I can start to help make a difference in this space in our community.

Cr Michelle Kleinert
Mayor

Celebrating Manningham’s history

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the proclamation of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe, which was celebrated in late February.

The proclamation was an important milestone in the history of the Manningham area and local government in this region.

On 24 January 1967, the Governor in Council issued a proclamation that from 28 February 1967 the Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe should become known as the City of Doncaster and Templestowe. Prior to the proclamation, local government in the area dated back to the election of the Templestowe District Roads Board in 1856.

In 1890 the Shire of Doncaster was created and in 1926, it was agreed by Council that the name Templestowe should be added to the name and the Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe was created and remained until 1967.
Park Reserve: Manningham’s new home of soccer

After identifying a need to upgrade local sporting reserves to help meet the demand for soccer facilities due to increased participation levels, Manningham now boasts a state-of-the-art synthetic soccer pitch in Doncaster for local clubs, schools and the community to enjoy.

The previously existing grass field soccer pitch had limited use due to the type of surface. To address this, Council converted the existing field to a synthetic pitch, which can cater for additional training sessions and match play for male and female, junior and veteran teams each week.

The project was undertaken by Council in partnership with the State Government and the tenant club Manningham Juventus Old Boys Soccer Club, as well as the Manningham United Blues Football Club.

In addition to the FIFA accredited 106 x 69 metre synthetic pitch, a new spectator viewing mound at the western end of the field has been added to provide an additional spectator area. An extension to the pavilion has also been undertaken and further seating either side of the pitch will be installed in the coming months.

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Team on 9846 0515.

New flagpoles for Doncaster RSL

In March, two new flagpoles were installed in the memorial space in front of the Doncaster RSL. For the first time this Anzac Day, the New Zealand and RSL flags will fly alongside the Australian flag.

Council officers have been working with Doncaster RSL members to prepare a landscape plan to enhance the appearance and accessibility of this site. Landscaping works will be completed later this year.

The Doncaster RSL memorial is beautifully maintained by volunteers. Additional lighting, planting, path improvements and interactive educational elements will assist to transform the site into a vibrant and welcoming space to stop and rest or sit and reflect.

Did you know that within two and a half years the Doncaster RSL will celebrate 100 years of operation? Between now and then, Council and the Doncaster RSL will be working to make this a space that we can all enjoy.
Streetlights Replacement Program

Manningham’s street lights are about to shine more sustainably thanks to a switch to energy efficient globes.

A total of 6,250 street lights will be replaced across Bulleen, Doncaster, Doncaster East, Donvale, Nunawading, Templestowe and Templestowe Lower up until the end of June 2017 as part of Council’s $2.4 million Street Light LED Replacement Program.

Manningham’s existing 50, 80 and 125 watt mercury vapour street lights will be replaced with energy efficient LED luminaires including new photo electric (PE) cells, which are up to 84 per cent more energy efficient.

The efficiency of these LEDs means that the project will save Council more than $300,000 annually in electricity costs. The emissions reduction is equivalent to taking over 300 cars off the road for an entire year.

Improving the energy efficiency of public lighting in Manningham was identified as a key strategic action in the Climate 2020 Action Plan (2009) and the Carbon Abatement Plan (2014) where the goals are to: Improve energy and carbon efficiency by 20 per cent by 2020; and move towards zero net emissions.

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

Construction begins on King Street Upgrade

Work has begun on the reconstruction of King Street stage one, between Blackburn Road and Wyena Way in Templestowe.

To improve the safety and amenity of the area, two lanes will be installed, a shared path will be added on the northern side of the street and vehicle crossings, parking bays and landscaping added.

A community reference panel and open consultation process with local residents helped create the upgrade plan.

The project has been a number of years in planning and included a deal with VicRoads to swap road responsibility for this arterial road (King Street between Blackburn Road and Victoria Street), in exchange for a section of Council road (Blackburn Road between King Street and Reynolds Road). Residents directly benefitting from the project will contribute a small amount to fund the project. In total, stage one of the upgrade is estimated to cost $2.26 million.

For more information on the King Street upgrade, please visit www.yoursaymanningham.com.au/king-street-upgrade

Public Transport in Manningham

Council is working with bus operator, Transdev, and Public Transport Victoria to investigate the feasibility of upgrading bus services in Manningham to a Bus Rapid Transit standard.

Bus Rapid Transport is a bus based public transport system designed to improve capacity and reliability through more frequent priority services.

A project scope and implementation schedule is being developed, suitable route options are being identified and funding opportunities investigated.

Council’s Integrated Transport Advisory Committee (ITAC) also meets on a regular basis to focus on transport advocacy at a broader scale, and to promote behaviour change to encourage greater uptake of sustainable transport by the community.
Your Say: Council’s proposed Budget and Strategic Priorities

Later this month and into May, we will be inviting comments from the community on our draft strategic documents.

Over the past 12 months, we have been asking communities across Manningham ‘what’s important to you?’ to assist Council in developing our strategic direction for the next four years.

The priorities raised through extensive community consultation have been considered along with current commitments and future trends and balanced against Council’s financial position to develop each of the following strategic documents.

- **Draft 2017-2021 Council Plan**, which details Council’s proposed vision, themes and goals, as well as actions over the next four years
- **Draft 2017/18 Annual Budget and Strategic Resource Plan**, which details Council’s services and initiatives for the upcoming financial year and outlines the resources required to meet Council’s set commitments
- **Draft 2017-2021 Healthy City Plan**, which aims to identify health and wellbeing concerns impacting our community and how Council will address these with key stakeholders and partners including the community and not for profit organisations, as well as both State and Federal governments.

The Council Plan and all of Council’s strategic documents work in partnership with the Generation 2030 Community Plan, to guide the work and strategy of Council over the next four years.

Have your say

These draft documents will be on public exhibition and open for community comment from Friday 28 April to Friday 26 May.

Copies of the documents will be available:
- Online at www.yoursaymanningham.com.au
- At the Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
- In Manningham libraries – Bulleen, Doncaster, The Pines and Warrandyte
- Council officers will be at local markets and shopping centres throughout April and May if you wish to find out more:
  - Tunstall Square Market, Sunday 30 April, 8.00 am to 12 noon
  - Warrandyte Community Market, Saturday 6 May, 8.00 am to 1.00 pm
  - Bulleen Plaza, Thursday 11 May, 10.00 am to 12 noon
  - The Pines Shopping Centre, Friday 12 May, 10.00 am to 12 noon
  - Macedon Square, Thursday 18 May, 10.00 am to 12 noon
  - Park Orchards Farmers Market, Saturday 20 May, 8.30 am to 1.00 pm

Submissions

Written submissions will be accepted during this period online via www.yoursaymanningham.com.au or by mail to: Group Manager Financial Services, Manningham City Council, PO Box 1, Doncaster 3108.

Please note that written submissions must indicate if you would like to present your submission in person to Council. Written and oral submissions will be considered by a Committee of Council on Monday 5 June at 7.00 pm.

All submissions received may be reproduced as part of Council meeting agendas available to the general public. The draft strategic documents will be considered for final adoption at the Council meeting on Tuesday 27 June 2017.
Anzac Day: Tuesday 25 April

Anzac Day marks the anniversary of the first military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. Anzac Day services in Manningham for 2017 include:

Doncaster RSL
Sunday 23 April 2017
3.00 pm Commemorative Service at the Doncaster RSL (Leeds Street, Doncaster East).

Tuesday 25 April 2017
5.45 am Dawn Service at the Doncaster RSL (Leeds Street, Doncaster East) followed by a Gunfire Breakfast.

Templestowe RSL
Tuesday 25 April 2017
8.00 am March (assemble at the Templestowe Hotel carpark, 23 Parker Street, Templestowe).
8.30 am Commemorative Service at the Templestowe Memorial Services Reserve followed by a Gunfire Breakfast at the Templestowe RSL (156 Parker Street, Templestowe).

Warrandyte RSL
Tuesday 25 April 2017
10.30 am ANZAC March (assemble at the carpark opposite Whipstick Gully Road, Warrandyte).
11.00 am Commemorative Service at the Warrandyte RSL grounds followed by light refreshments at the clubrooms (113 Brackenbury Street, Warrandyte).

For more information about Anzac Day, visit www.rslvic.com.au/commemoration/anzac-day

MANNINGHAM
MAYORAL BALL 2017

Mayoral Ball – save the date

The 2017 Mayoral Community Ball will be held on Friday 13 October at 7.00 pm, at the Manningham Function Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster.

This year’s theme is ‘Disco’, so be sure to save the date and be ready to party while raising money for a good cause.

All funds raised from this year’s ball will go towards supporting a new youth outreach program in Manningham, defined by the needs of our young people, and delivered by headspace Hawthorn.

If you are interested in Mayoral Community Ball sponsorship opportunities, please call our Business and Events Team on 9840 9338.

More information about the ball is available at www.manningham.vic.gov.au/mayoralball
## APRIL

**Manningham Art Gallery exhibition: Show of Hands**  
Showing until Saturday 6 May  
Manningham Art Gallery, MC Square, 687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster  
A diverse collection of images from photographers Anne Brown, Diana Cousens, Sharon Crabb, Deborah Dorman, Tiffany Garvie, Richard Harris, Joseph Hixson, Bryce Dunkley, Allister Payne and Nicola Platt, exploring personal stories and experiences.

**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 ages, including: live entertainment, food stalls and coffee cart, face painting and a jumping castle, plus nature play and community stalls.  
Come down with a picnic blanket for a great family day of play and entertainment.  
For more information, visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/buleen-block-party or call 9840 9405.

**Walk it Up**  
Thursday 27 April, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm  
Ruffey Lake Park, The Boulevarde picnic shelter, The Boulevarde, Doncaster.  
Calling all walkers and walking groups! Join us for a community walk around Ruffey Lake Park: 2.7 kilometres or four kilometres. This fun and social event is ideal for adults with a moderate fitness level. Dress for the weather on the day.  
This is a free event and lunch will be provided. Bookings are essential, as places are limited, through www.manningham.vic.gov.au/walk-it-up or call 9840 9171. RSVP by 24 April 2017.

**Longridge and Nilja Nature Walk**  
Thursday 27 April 2017, 9.30 am - 12.30 pm  
For more than 150 years, Longridge farm was grazed by cattle. Now, under Parks Victoria management, it is recovering with plant regeneration and the return of wildlife. The ridge offers spectacular views to the north and of the beautiful rapids of the Yarra River. Distance: 5 km. Rating: Difficult.  
The meeting point for this walk will be provided at the time of booking.  

## MAY

**Free Business Advisory Service**  
Wednesday 3 May, 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 and growth strategies, as well as addressing challenges and more.  
Bookings: 9840 9310

**Getting Started with Social Media**  
Wednesday 3 May, 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm  
Council Chamber, Banyule Council Service Centre, 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Heidelberg  
Did you know marketing through social media is found to be more effective than traditional marketing? Find out how your business can take advantage of social media and online videos.  
Cost: $25  
A collaboration between Manningham and Banyule councils. Please note that this is not an interactive workshop.
MAY

Environment Seminar: The River and the Bay - the Yarra beyond the Valley presented by Dr Neville Rosengren

Wednesday 3 May, 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm

Grand Hotel Warrandyte, 110 Yarra Street, Warrandyte

Dr Neville Rosengren will take us on a geological journey to describe the origins of the Yarra River and the formation of Port Philip Bay. He will discuss the Yarra delta, the form and origins of the bay and the river at lower and higher sea-levels. Bookings not required.

For more information, visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/environment-seminars

Environment Field Trip: How we modified a river with Neville Rosengren

Thursday 4 May, 10.00 am - 3.00 pm

This field tour will explore the lower Yarra modifications, including: Herring Island, the meander cut offs near the Botanic Gardens and the removal of the Queen Street falls and Coode Canal.

To participate in this field trip you must attend the seminar on 3 May. The meeting point will be provided at the time of booking.

Bookings are essential by emailing eepadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au calling 9840 9124.

Mother’s Day Plant Sale

Saturday 6 May, 9.00 am – 4.00 pm

St David’s Cricket Club oval, 36 Mitcham Road, Donvale

The Lions Club of Donvale is holding a Mother’s Day plant sale, with all proceeds raised to be donated to various charities, primarily within the City of Manningham.

Come down and pick up a gift for mum from an array of fantastic flowers and plants. You can also get your pre-winter planting sorted. This event is also a great opportunity to meet members of the Donvale Lions Club and consider becoming a member yourself.

Manningham Business Network Meeting

Tuesday 9 May, 7.30 am – 9.00 am

Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

The topic for this meeting is The one strategy you need to know to fast track business growth. Learn how to skyrocket your business growth, while relishing in more flexibility and freedom as a business owner.

Bookings: www.mbn.asn.au

Introduction to Facebook for Business (Beginner – Intermediate Users)

Wednesday 10 May, 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Council Chamber, Banyule Council Service Centre, 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Heidelberg

Facebook has incredible potential for businesses to reach their target audience. Learn how to target your audience, customise your page to encourage followers and keep them by posting the right content.


A collaboration between Manningham and Banyule councils. Please note that this is not an interactive workshop.

Boosting Your Facebook Presence (Advanced Users)

Wednesday 17 May, 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Council Chamber, Banyule Council Service Centre, 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Heidelberg

Make Facebook work for your business. Use posts to inform, interest and offer incentives to followers. Then take your engagement with customers beyond page posts and start advertising on this powerful platform.

Cost: $25


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National Reconciliation Week Exhibition

Wednesday 24 May – Saturday 24 June

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

A proud part of the National Reconciliation Week celebration in Manningham, this exhibition showcases the unique voices of contemporary Indigenous artists from across Victoria.

This year the Manningham Art Gallery is proud to host artists Pierra Van Sparks, Cassie Leatham and Marlene Gilson.

Image: Marlene Gilson, Eureka Stockade, The Battle Continues, 2016, acrylic on linen, 70 x 90 cm.

Tikalara Circuit Nature Walk

Thursday 25 May, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Tikalara Park is part of the Yarra Valley Parklands in Templestowe. It includes a healthy riparian corridor (zone between the land and the river), as well as the Pontville Homestead, which was home to the Newmans, the first settlers this far east of Melbourne. Cattle still graze around the historic homestead. Distance: 5 km.

Rating: Moderate.

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


Building Relationships with LinkedIn and Twitter

Wednesday 31 May, 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

LinkedIn is a professional network that can add credibility to your business’ brand. Take advantage of the power of Twitter to market your small business, expand your reach with Twitter ads and drive users to your website using Twitter cards.

Cost: $25


A collaboration between Manningham and Banyule councils. Please note that this is not an interactive workshop.

Connecting Business Lunch

Thursday 25 May, 12 noon – 2.00 pm

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

To book and for more information, visit www.manninghambusiness.com.au/events for venue details.

Cost $25

Small Business Bus

Thursday 25 May, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

The Small Business Bus is coming to Manningham. Operated by Small Business Victoria, the bus is a ‘travelling office on wheels’ that offers friendly, professional assistance from an information officer and expert advice from an experienced business mentor.


Smarter Living – Vertical Gardens

Wednesday 31 May, 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

‘Do it on the Roof’ are working to bring nature back to cities. In this talk they will share insights and information drawn from their experiences creating and maintaining vertical gardens in Melbourne.

Places are limited and bookings essential at www.manningham.vic.gov.au/smarter-living-vertical-gardens
## JUNE

### Environment Workshop: Fungi - ecological interaction workshop

**Wednesday 7 June, 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm**

Learn how to use the *Atlas of Living Australia* to explore the local fungi species recorded, including how to best share your observations and data with Fungimap.

Bookings are essential by emailing eepadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au or calling 9840 9124. The venue will be provided at the time of booking.

### Environment Seminar: Fungi, ecological interaction with Dr Sapphire McMallun-Fisher

**Wednesday 7 June, 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm**

Grand Hotel Warrandyte, 110 Yarra Street, Warrandyte

Sapphire, a Fungal Ecologist and the Fungimap Coordinator, will explain what fungi do in our bushland, focusing on their ecology and links to other species. She will then highlight some local recognisable fungi and how you can contribute data to Fungimap. No bookings required.

### Environment Field Trip: Fungi ecology walk

**Thursday 8 June, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm**

Come for a wander through Jumping Creek Reserve with Sapphire, where she will show you the local fungi and explain their roles in the bushland.

Please note, you must attend the Fungi seminar on 7 June to be eligible to book and attend this field trip. The meeting point will be given at the time of booking.

Bookings are essential by emailing eepadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au or calling 9840 9124.

### Free Business Advisory Service

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

Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Free confidential one hour, one-on-one sessions, designed to help with assessing ideas, business planning, growth strategies and more.

Bookings: 9840 9310

### DIY Simple Steps to Build a Website

**Wednesday 7 June, 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm**

Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Building and maintaining your own website can be cost effective and relatively easy. This workshop provides a step-by-step guide to assist you with your online presence.

Cost: $25


A collaboration between Manningham and Banyule councils. Please note that this is not an interactive workshop.

### Search Engine Optimisation for Small Business

**Wednesday 21 June, 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm**

Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Simply having a website does not mean that your business will immediately show up in a Google search. Search Engine Optimisation (SEO) will help to ensure potential customers can find you online.

Cost: $25


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### Manningham Business Network Meeting

**Tuesday 13 June, 7.30 am – 9.00 am**

Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

The topic for this meeting is *How to build your marketing movement.*

This network of likeminded professionals offers support and experience to the business network and their associates.

Bookings: www.mbn.asn.au

### Wittons Reserve to Clifford Park over the Yarra Brae escarpment Nature Walk

**Thursday 22 June, 9.30 am - 12.30 pm**

From the gentle river flats near where the Yarra River and Brushy Creek meet, this walk will ascend over the steep rocky escarpment and back down to the Clifford Park river terrace.

Distance: 3 km. Rating: Difficult.

Please note: This walk involves a shared car shuttle as the walk is one way. The meeting point for this walk will be provided at the time of booking.

Still time to get involved in Active April

Premier’s Active April encourages all Victorians to do 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April. It’s free, it’s fun and it’s part of the Victorian Government’s commitment to get more people active and healthy.

While we are nearing the end of April here at Manningham, we are in full swing with activities and events to excite people of all ages, including the Bulleen Block Party on Sunday 23 April and Walk it Up on Thursday 27 April.

Check out the Manningham Events Calendar on page 7 for more detailed information about these two events. For more information on the full range of events being held in Manningham supporting Active April, visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/active-april-2017. Bookings are essential for some activities.

Register now for Waste Drop-Off Day

Responsibly dispose of materials that cannot be placed in household bins at Council’s free Waste Drop-Off Day on Saturday 20 May between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm.

Items including televisions, computers and computer equipment, game consoles, electrical items, x-rays, paint and spray cans (limit 10 litres), gas bottles, batteries, cardboard and much more are eligible for disposal on the day.

Register now, select the time you wish to drop off your unwanted items and we’ll take care of the rest. The Waste Drop-Off Day location will be advised at the time of registration.

Registrations are essential and can be made at: www.manningham.vic.gov.au/waste-drop-off-day

For a full list of acceptable items or for more information, call our Waste Management Team on 9846 0579 or visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/waste-drop-off-day. Council reserves the right to reject any unsuitable items.

New planning rules to protect the Yarra River Corridor

Manningham is one of six councils affected by the State Government’s Amendment GC48, which came into effect on 24 February 2017. The Amendment replaces existing planning controls along the Yarra River Corridor to provide a consistent approach to vegetation removal and managing built form. The controls will address the height of new buildings and their distance from the river.

The amendment was introduced into the relevant planning schemes by the Minister for Planning.

The new planning rules have been introduced on an interim basis until 31 January 2021, with a commitment to further refine or improve the controls within 12 months of their operation. A decision will be made on the final amendment process to implement permanent controls once this has occurred.

In addition to these new planning rules, a new body called the Birrarung Council will be established via new legislation, which will provide opportunities for experts, Indigenous groups and other stakeholders to express their issues affecting the waterway.

For more information visit www.planning.vic.gov.au/yarra-river-controls or call Council’s City Strategy Team on 9840 9133.
Cultural Diversity Week Celebration: New Welcome Bench

As part of Manningham’s Cultural Diversity Week and Harmony Day celebrations in March, Council officially unveiled a new Welcome Bench in the Civic Plaza outside MC² in Doncaster.

The Welcome Bench is inscribed with messages of welcome to migrants and refugees from the people of Manningham, including many school children, to value and celebrate our city’s rich cultural heritage and diversity.

Thanks to the many community and regional partners who assisted in collecting the messages and to the many thousands of individuals who wrote such thoughtful, inspiring and welcoming messages.

This initiative supports our ongoing commitment to welcoming refugees and migrants into our community; Manningham was formally declared a Migrant and Refugee Welcome Zone in June 2015.

For more information, please visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/migrant-and-refugee-welcome-zone

Registering your pet

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 that your cats and dogs are registered with Council.

Dogs and cats must be microchipped and registered with Council by three months of age. As a reminder for all pet owners, registrations were due on Monday 10 April 2017. If you haven’t already, please arrange to register your pets promptly. 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 $132 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

Domestic Animal Management Plan

Council is required under the Domestic Animals Act 1994 to renew and develop a Domestic Animal Management Plan for 2017-2020 and will be inviting the community to share their ideas about what Council should be focusing on with this plan.

We will be seeking your input in the coming months.

To register to get involved and have your say, visit www.yoursaymanningham.com.au/domestic-animals

By registering you will be notified when consultation opens and receive updates on the project.

Manningham Mayor, Cr Michelle Kleinert, with representatives from the Pakistani, Iranian and Chinese community in Manningham who took part in the official unveiling of the Welcome Bench.
New gym facilities to keep you moving

As part of the recent $21.4 million refurbishment of Manningham’s premier Aquatic and Leisure Centre, Aquarena, the centre now has a new stand-alone circuit room for a range of exciting and energising group exercise classes.

Circuit classes at Aquarena are exercise to music, 45 minutes in duration, predominantly using strength training machines designed to give you a full body workout in a time efficient manner.

Thanks to the new room, beginners and intermediates, young and old alike, are able to lead a healthy lifestyle and make the most of the new facility. Circuit classes are now available at various times throughout the day.

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

For more information about membership and casual pass options, the new circuit classes and the other programs and services on offer, visit www.aquarena.ymca.org.au or call 9848 0000.

Join Manningham’s Open Space Committee

Council is inviting community members to apply to be part of Manningham’s Open Space and Streetscape Advisory Committee.

The Committee is a forum through which community representatives, Councillors and staff can exchange ideas to assist with the ongoing management and enhancement of public open spaces and streetscapes in Manningham.

The current community representatives have reached the end of their three year terms, and Council is seeking nominations for up to eight community representatives. Nominations close at 5:00 pm Monday 1 May 2017.

For more information and nomination forms, visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/ossac or call Council’s City Strategy Unit on 9840 9129.
Revamped playgrounds for all to enjoy

As part of the 2016/17 Neighbourhood Park Development Program, three reserves in Doncaster and Doncaster East have been upgraded.

Schafter Reserve, Doncaster East, has had a significant upgrade, and with something for young and old to enjoy. It is a new hub for the community to gather and be active. New equipment includes nature play, monkey bars, basketball and netball rings, new fitness equipment, upgraded paths, new signage and furniture.

Similarly, Winbrook Reserve, located close to Westfield Doncaster previously only contained one swing and one park seat. The recent upgrade included installing a number of rocks and logs to create level areas, a new swing, a digger with gravel area and a see-saw. Further tree and shrub planting will occur shortly.

In Hertford Reserve, Doncaster, the playspace has been upgraded and now boasts a new swing and large boat themed play area. A large number of trees will also be planted in the coming months.

For more information on Manningham’s parks, visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/parks

Koonung Ward

Upgrade underway for Sheahans Reserve Stadium

Works on the Sheahans Reserve Basketball Stadium upgrade are now well underway and anticipated to be completed by June 2017.

The upgrade includes expanding the stadium’s existing three quarter size court to a full size court that complies with International Basketball Federation’s regulations, providing the facility with three basketball courts.

Other improvements include converting the existing meeting rooms to a referees’ room and an additional storage room, refurbishing the stadium kiosk, relocating the main entrance and works to improve accessibility of the paths and entrances to the stadium.

The $1.6 million project is being jointly funded by Council, Sport and Recreation Victoria ($500,000) and the Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club ($200,000).

For more information, visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/sheahans-reserve

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Works on the Sheahans Reserve Basketball Stadium upgrade are now well underway and anticipated to be completed by June 2017.

The upgrade includes expanding the stadium’s existing three quarter size court to a full size court that complies with International Basketball Federation’s regulations, providing the facility with three basketball courts.

Other improvements include converting the existing meeting rooms to a referees’ room and an additional storage room, refurbishing the stadium kiosk, relocating the main entrance and works to improve accessibility of the paths and entrances to the stadium.

The $1.6 million project is being jointly funded by Council, Sport and Recreation Victoria ($500,000) and the Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club ($200,000).

For more information, visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/sheahans-reserve
Mullum Mullum Ward

Warrandyte welcomes Firewise Garden

Manningham City Council in partnership with the Country Fire Authority (CFA), Warrandyte Community Association and Friends of Warrandyte State Park has created a Firewise Garden in Warrandyte.

The site is designed to provide local residents and visitors with a visual display of practical options to encourage and inform considerations for how to best adapt home gardens to reduce the potential impacts of bushfire.

The site also provides an interpretive tool to support learning curriculum for education facilities and community groups.

The display provides options for using local indigenous plant species and is based on the garden design concepts from the CFA’s Landscaping for Bushfire: Garden Design and Plant Selection Guide, along with practical tips and ideas for general garden maintenance and fire season preparedness activities.

The Firewise garden, located next to the Taffy Jones Memorial site/Federation Playground, Yarra Street, Warrandyte, was officially opened on 19 March 2017.

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

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For more information, please visit www.litterwatch.com.au

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Council meeting dates

Wednesday 26 April, Council Chamber, Manningham Civic Centre
Tuesday 30 May, Council Chamber, Manningham Civic Centre
Tuesday 27 June, Council Chamber, Manningham Civic Centre

Cover image: Local soccer players Peter, Tim, Alexandra, Amelia and Anthony are looking forward to making the most of new synthetic soccer pitch at Park Reserve, Doncaster.

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