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With the year flying by, plenty has been happening in our community and at Council. We are progressing a range of great initiatives that help celebrate and connect our communities and improve some of our most popular open spaces.

At the February Council Meeting, the Yarra River Corridor Concept Plan was endorsed by Council. The plan illustrates our vision for walking, cycling, public open space, river crossings and public transport along this corridor in Bulleen. It includes a shared pedestrian and cycling path connecting Finns Reserve to Bulleen Park. There is a long way still to go on this project and we will be developing a comprehensive master plan so keep a watch out for it. Find out more at manningham.vic.gov.au/yrccp

We are continuing to work with the North East Link Project to advocate for our residents and help improve our community’s amenities and facilities. Stay updated at northeastlink.vic.gov.au

Manningham is home to a diverse community with residents from a range of cultural groups and backgrounds. We love being part of these cultures and celebrating our different customs and festivities.

Recently we honoured both the Chinese and Persian New Year and look forward to joining in many more occasions that enrich our diverse and vibrant culture.

Our parenting seminar series has benefited parents from across our community. With over 2500 people attending sell-out sessions last year, a new line up of seminars have been scheduled for 2019. You can read more on page 6 and in our events calendar from page 12.

Finally, voted as one of the world’s most recognisable television theme songs, Neighbours reminds us that everybody needs good neighbours. Read all about the benefits of connecting with those around us on page 7 and make the most of the remaining warm weather by organising a catch up with your neighbours.

Paula Piccinini
Mayor

Entries to the Manningham Victorian Ceramic Art Award are now open. The awards recognise the best in contemporary ceramic art practice from across the state.

In its 10th year, the biennial award celebrates the rising popularity and significance of ceramics in our region. Shortlisted entries will be displayed in an exhibition at Manningham Art Gallery in August and award winning works will be acquired by the Manningham Art Collection to be displayed in our public buildings. Entries close on Friday 21 June.

For more information visit manningham.vic.gov.au/ceramic-award

Still Life, Magdalena Dmowksa
Volunteers often work behind the scenes to build a stronger and more caring society. To volunteer in Manningham go to manningham.vic.gov.au/volunteering

For the latest information about when planned burns are happening near you go to ffm.vic.gov.au/plannedburn

Our parenting seminars are a chance for you to hear from a range of guest speakers, connect with other families and share ideas. manningham.vic.gov.au/parenting-seminar-series

Our #photocompetition will be back again in 2019. Start saving your snaps from around #Manningham and sign up to be notified once it launches. manningham.vic.gov.au/photo-competition

@manninghamtoylibrary received funding for new toys through our Community Grant program. The Toy Library is a friendly place where parents and carers can borrow a large variety of fun, quality educational toys, puzzles and games on a regular basis.

#ThrowbackThursday — From 1930 this intersection was known as White’s Corner until 1969 when Shoppingtown was built.
Parks Alive is an opportunity to make your mark on your local park by helping plan improvements, organising community events, helping care for parks and more.

Since the program started in July last year we’ve had residents from across Manningham register to get involved with their local park.

At Timber Reserve in Doncaster, neighbouring resident Heather has been leading the charge.

“I love spending time in the park, watering some of the small plants and weeding around the garden beds. Whenever I do this, the kids with their parents and grandparents usually race over to come and help and ask what I’m doing.

“I’d encourage everyone to get involved in Parks Alive at their local park. And if you’re nearby Timber Reserve, you’re always welcome to give me a hand.”

Find out more and register to get involved:

manningham.vic.gov.au/parks-alive

One of many residents taking part in our Parks Alive program, Doncaster local Heather (pictured above) is enjoying getting involved at Timber Reserve in Doncaster.

Parks involved in the Parks Alive program include:
- Fernlea Reserve in Doncaster East
- Jocelyn Reserve in Doncaster East
- Kerry Anne Reserve North and South in Wonga Park
- Ronald Reserve in Bulleen
- Tasker Reserve in Templestowe Lower
Manningham Monster Community Raffle

The 2019 Manningham Monster Community Raffle is a great way for not-for-profit organisations to raise much needed funds.

All Manningham-based community organisations, schools and sporting clubs can take part in the Manningham Monster Community Raffle by selling tickets. From every $2 ticket sold, $1.50 goes back to the organisation who sells the ticket and 50 cents returns to the Manningham Community Fund to support welfare services offered by charitable organisations within our community.

First prize is a $5,000 Coles/Myer gift voucher and a further 5 x $1,000 Coles/Myer gift voucher prizes are up for grabs. Last year the raffle saw more than $32,000 raised for the Manningham Community Fund and not-for-profit organisations across Manningham.

The raffle is now open and closes on Friday 3 May. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Manningham Civic Awards Gala at 8.00pm on Wednesday 22 May.

Who has benefited from the raffle?

Last year the Doncaster All Abilities Basketball Competition for special needs players (DAAB) took part in the Monster Community Raffle. The proceeds they raised helped contribute to new tops for basketballers involved in their Leadership Program. The DAAB competition will be participating again this year and hopes to raise money to send a team to a tournament in Japan. This will be a wonderful opportunity for their young people to experience another culture and proudly represent Australia.

Look out for DAAB selling their raffle tickets so that you can contribute to this great cause.

Who runs the raffle?

The raffle is administered by the Kiwanis Club of Manningham and is supported by Council’s Community Partnership Grant Program.

Find out more or enquire about selling tickets:

- Sean Keefe on 9872 8238
- skeefe@whitefriars.vic.edu.au
- manninghammonsterraffle.org.au

International Women’s Day was first recognised in 1909 by the Socialist Party of America after 15,000 women marched through the streets of New York City demanding better work conditions, equal pay and the right to vote.

Today, International Women’s Day is an annual global campaign that celebrates the remarkable contribution of women across business, social, education and political arenas.

The theme for the 2019 International Women’s Day (held on March 8) is ‘balance for better’. By working towards achieving gender equality, future generations will live in a world where women do not live in poverty, have equal pay and opportunities and are free from all forms of violence, harassment and discrimination.

You can still get involved on social media using the hashtags #IWD2019 and #BalanceforBetter. Let’s take time to reflect on what we can do to spread the message and achieve gender equality, not just for one day but every day of the year.

internationalwomensday.com
Protecting our bushland

Beautiful leafy suburbs, green space, trees and native bushland are a beautiful part of our community and enhance our environment and biodiversity.

Trees and vegetation offer privacy, picturesque landscapes and residential character. They also reduce noise, air and water pollution and provide habitat for native animals.

Did you know Manningham is home to 56 rare and threatened plant and animal species? Many of our significant bushland areas are on private land in the Green Wedge, east of the Mullum Mullum Creek.

We can all play a part in protecting our green space, trees and native bushland. Tree and vegetation removal, land degradation and biodiversity loss is much easier to prevent than repair, so it is important to be aware of your options to avoid vegetation removal.

There are state and local planning regulations in place to help protect our green spaces and vegetation.

In Manningham, Local Environment Assistant Fund (LEAF) grants are available to private landholders to help protect bushland.

You can also get involved with our Landcare groups, environment seminars and nature walks.

To understand how planning regulations apply to your property, before you remove trees or vegetation, contact us:

☎ 9840 9333

Parenting seminars hailed as a success

Following the success of our popular parenting series, attended by over 2500 people, a new line up of seminars are already scheduled for 2019.

More than 70% of parents who attended the series told us they were very likely to apply what they’ve learnt to their parenting styles.

This year kicked off with a sold out first session, Building Resilience in Children and Teens, with renowned psychologist Andrew Fuller.

Over the next 12 months, we will partner with some of Australia’s most acclaimed professionals including the return of Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. The parenting series helps parents develop strategies and techniques to create positive change and feel empowered.

To see upcoming parenting seminars, check out the event listing on page 10 or visit our website:

🔗 manningham.vic.gov.au/parenting-seminar-series

Find out more about:

- Tree removal planning permit requirements
 🔗 manningham.vic.gov.au/trees-and-other-vegetation
- LEAF grants
- Responsible fire prevention vegetation removal
 🔗 manningham.vic.gov.au/planning-advice
Get to know your neighbours

Neighbour Day on Sunday 31 March is a great time to connect with your neighbours and build a healthy and vibrant community.

With so much of our time now spent on devices, it can be easy to form online communities and not prioritise getting to know those around us face to face. Online connections do not replace real world networking, building friendships face to face or connecting local communities.

Getting to know those in your community can help:
• people look out for each other and keep our community safer
• keep an eye on your home when you are away (putting out your bins or collecting mail)
• include those who are isolated or more vulnerable within our neighbourhood
• create greater social connection resulting in better health and increased happiness.

A connected community takes time to grow and needs repeated interactions over time such as greeting your neighbours and giving them a wave when you see each other in the street.

In Doncaster East, residents of Newlands Crescent have shared fences for over 30 years. The families have grown up together and shared weddings, birthdays and welcomed new additions. The friendships built over barbeques and street parties have been lifelong.

Keep watch in your neighbourhood

Manningham Neighbourhood Watch is a team of about 700 neighbours all working together towards a safer community. If you are ready to make friends, improve your mental and physical health and develop new skills, volunteering could be a great way to get involved.

Joining Neighbourhood Watch might involve distributing newsletters, helping out at a Safe Number Plate event or even teaching kids about crime prevention. Know what is happening in your area from regular community meetings involving Victoria Police.

neighbourday.org

manningham.vic.gov.au
Get involved with Probus

Probus clubs are a great way for seniors to connect and enjoy friendship and fun in retirement. Members can take part in many types of activities, including outings and hear from great speakers at monthly meetings.

Clubs aim to keep minds healthy and bodies active through socialising and taking part in activities with other retirees in your community.

There are a large range of Probus clubs throughout Manningham:

- Bulleen and Templestowe Probus Club
- Bulleen Heights Probus Club
- Doncaster Central Ladies Probus Club (women only)
- Doncaster East Combined Probus Club
- Doncaster Main Road Probus Club
- Doncaster Valley Probus Club
- Donvale Central Probus Club
- Donvale Hill Probus Club
- Donvale Probus Club
- Donvale Tunstall Probus Club
- Donview Heights Probus Club
- Lower Templestowe Probus Club
- Manningham Combined Probus Club
- North Balwyn Probus Club (men only)
- Templestowe Central Probus Club
- Templestowe Valley Probus Club

For more information or to find your closest club:
- Ken on 9898 9053
- probussouthpacific.org

Help shape aged care services

Manningham has a new positive ageing group and we’re looking for members to be part of it.

By joining the Manningham Positive Ageing Alliance Group (MPAAC) you can provide feedback and ideas to help shape the future of positive ageing in our community.

Expressions of interest are now open – residents, community groups and organisations interested in creating a more inclusive community are encouraged to apply.

Research from the World Health Organisation shows age-friendly communities help encourage active ageing and maximise opportunities for good health and for seniors to stay connected and feel safe.

They recognise the great diversity of seniors, promote inclusion and respect the decision and lifestyle choices of older people.

We want to ensure the voices of older residents and the organisations that support them are involved in creating our Positive Ageing Action Plan 2019-2021. The MPAAC will play a key role in developing the plan.

Nominations for MPAAC are open now and close on Wednesday 1 May.
- 9840 9700
Keeping track of your pet

Did you know each year more than 500 registered lost pets are reunited with their owners in Manningham? We know your pets are a part of your family so you can help keep them safe by microchipping them.

It’s important that all puppies and kittens over 12 weeks of age are microchipped and registered with us. This helps us to reunite you with your pet in case they get lost.

If you own a pet, registrations are due by Wednesday 10 April this year. You can register your pet online:

🔗 manningham.vic.gov.au/animal-registration

Once your pet is registered you will be issued with a tag to assist in their safe return should your pet go missing. We provide lifetime tags and will only replace them if your pets tag is lost or needs replacement.

Microchipping is your pet’s unique identification which will help identify them if they are brought into a pound, shelter or vet. Not sure if your pet is microchipped? Your vet will be able to check this for you. If you move house, make sure your details are kept up to date with us and Central Animal Records:

🔗 car.com.au

Raising a legend

There’ll soon be a new face around Council office - she’ll be about 50cm tall, covered head to toe in a shiny black coat and will be ‘ruff’ around the edges.

For the next 14 months, Manningham Group Manager Community Programs Lee Robson, will be a puppy carer to Zeta, an adorable black Labrador puppy and future seeing-eye dog. Zeta will spend 3 days a week shadowing Lee – in training to become an invaluable part of a vision impaired or blind person’s life.

“From time to time, you may see Zeta around Council offices or in the community,” Lee said.

“I’ve chosen to take on this role to promote the values of Manningham, an inclusive organisation that values people of all abilities.”

Zeta will grow up to meet the increasing demand of guide dogs in the community.

🔗 sed.visionaustralia.org
Mannacare Launches POWER

Maintaining an exercise program can help while undergoing cancer treatment. At the end of last year, MannaCare celebrated the launch of its new program POWER — Program for Oncology Wellness and Exercise Rehabilitation.

The 12 week program supports members of the community to stay active in a safe way during and after their cancer treatment. Run by an exercise physiologist and physiotherapist, learn the skills you need to maintain a long term exercise commitment.

Benefits of an exercise program while undergoing oncology treatment can include better mood, reduced symptoms of fatigue and nausea and may slow the loss of bone density often associated with treatments and medication.

If you are over 18 years of age and have undergone cancer treatment in the last 2 years, you are eligible for this program. Rebates may be available through your healthcare provider.

✅ Bookings essential
📞 1300 90 20 23
📧 power@mannacare.org.au

Towards a healthier community

Celebrating 150 years of improving health, Access Health and Community are collaborating with the local community of Manningham in new ways.

They are seeking a diverse range of members to join in local community participation. You can register online and will be invited to attend participation sessions, join discussion forums, answer questions, plan events and services and provide feedback on draft reports and handouts.

🌐 accesshc.org.au/get-involved

THIS GIRL CAN

We’re supporting VicHealth’s This Girl Can campaign encouraging women and girls across Manningham to get active.

Research shows that half of Australian women don’t exercise enough. This Girl Can is about celebrating women getting active, regardless of background, ability, age or body shape.

There are plenty of ways to get active in Manningham. Why not try a new activity or sport? Many of our local sports clubs and community groups have women’s competitions. Or, if sport’s not your thing, walking is a great way to get some fresh air and get moving. Even if you’re new to exercise, Manningham has some fantastic walking or cycling trails.

More information:
🌐 thisgirlcan.com.au
🌐 manningham.vic.gov.au/get-active

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WASTE DROP OFF DAY
You can dispose of a range of materials that cannot go in your household bin at our free waste drop off day. Before you register for your timeslot, make sure you check online that the items you wish to dispose of can be accepted.

Saturday 6 April, 8.00am to 4.00pm
✓ Bookings essential
manningham.vic.gov.au/waste-drop-off-day

CREATIVE SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN
Enrol in our All Day Fun Day programs these holidays and enjoy cardboard constructions, theatre games, creative writing, needlecraft and more.
For ages 6 to 12 years old.
Manningham Art Studios, MC Square, 687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
$ Bookings essentials
9840 9382
manningham.vic.gov.au/manningham-art-studios

CIVIC AWARDS NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN
Nominations for the 2019 Manningham Civic Awards are now open. This is your chance to nominate and recognise a local volunteer or community group that has made a difference in our community.
For more information, eligibility criteria or to nominate:
manningham.vic.gov.au/civic-awards

Facing Parkinson’s can be a daunting experience but connecting with others in the same situation can help to make things a little bit easier.

Manningham Parkinson’s Peer Support Group offers a place for those with Parkinson’s, their partners and carers to connect with others and learn more about living with this disease. The group offers information, social connection, hope and support.

Formed in 2013, the group meets on the first Friday of each month (except January) to hear from guest speakers on a range of interesting topics, not always related to Parkinson’s. Stay around afterwards to socialise and enjoy an afternoon tea.

In the next few months, the group will be starting a choir, ParkinSong. This special program has been carefully developed by Parkinson’s Victoria to assist with breathing control and speech therapy and includes a ‘sing along’ session. The choir will meet monthly so make sure you let the group know if you are interested in joining.

First Friday of each month (except January), 1.45pm
Lower Templestowe Community Hall, 293 Manningham Road, Lower Templestowe
$ Donation of $2 to cover afternoon tea
Keith on 0412 558 066
keith.an@bigpond.com

Keith and Margaret Anderson from Parkinson’s Peer Support Group.
From 22 March
Animal Farm
Warrandyte Youth Theatre, along with Warrandyte Community Theatre, presents George Orwell’s classic story of equality, power and revolution.

- Warrandyte Mechanic’s Institute, Yarra Street, Warrandyte
- Bookings essential
- $25 full, $20 concession
- trybooking.com/BACCN

Sunday 31 March, 9.00am to 1.00pm
Tunstall Market
Browse up to 100 stalls selling an eclectic mix of items including art, craft, books, plants, farm produce, clothing and hardware.

- Tunstall Square Shopping Centre, corner of Doncaster and Tunstall roads, Doncaster
- Free
- warrandytedonvalerotary.org.au/tunstall

Monday 1 April, 2.30pm to 4.00pm
Starting solid foods
For babies 4 to 6 months, this information session will help you learn how to introduce solid foods. Session facilitated by a Maternal and Child Health Nurse.

- Doncaster MCH Centre, Level 1, MC Square, 687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
- Bookings essential
- Free
- manningham.vic.gov.au/starting-solid-foods

Tuesday 2 April, 9.30am to 12.00pm
Introduction to volunteering
Find out everything you need to know about volunteering in your community. Run by Doncare, Volunteering in Manningham (ViM) matches volunteers with opportunities to get involved. Volunteering can help you to boost your employability, improve your language skills and make new friends.

- Doncare, MC Square, 687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
- Bookings essential
- Free
- 9856 1500
doncare.org.au

Tuesday 2 April, 10.30am to 12.00pm (noon)
Medication dependence: how addiction affects the community
Learn about the issues around prescription medication addiction and how to seek help.

- Doncaster Library, MC Square, 687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
- Free
- Bookings essential
- wml.vic.gov.au

Wednesday 3 April, 9.00am to 4.00pm
Business Advisory Service
Book a confidential one-on-one session to support your business planning.

- Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
- $20
- manninghambusiness.com.au
Wednesday 3 April, 2.00pm to 3.00pm
Active ageing through gardening
Join Sustainable Gardening Australia to learn the health and wellbeing benefits of gardening.

- Doncaster Library, MC Square, 687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
- Free
- Bookings essential
- wml.vic.gov.au

Wednesday 3 April, 9.30am
Fun and fitness for over 50s
Join a friendly group that gets together every week during the school term to keep fit. Participate according to your own capability.

- 3rd East Doncaster Scout Hall, Zerbes Reserve, Doncaster East
- First session free, $8 per class
- 0416 087 206
- mlvanrees@yahoo.com

Saturday 6 April, 8.00am to 1.00pm
Warrandyte Riverside Market
A variety of fresh fruit and vegetables, plants, jams, cheese, breads and pastries. Enjoy the live entertainment as you stroll the market.

- Stiggants Reserve, Stiggants Road, Warrandyte
- Free
- warrandyteriversidemarket.com.au

Monday 8 April, 2.30pm to 4.00pm
Supporting your child to sleep
For babies 4 to 12 months, learn how to support your child to sleep. Facilitated by a Maternal and Child Health Nurse.

- Doncaster MCH Centre, Level 1, MC Square, 689 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
- Bookings essential
- Free
- manningham.vic.gov.au/supporting-your-child-to-sleep

Tuesday 9 April, 7.00am to 9.00am
Manningham Business Network
Featuring David Robertson, Head of Economic and Market Research with an economic update.

- Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
- Free (non-members)
- mbn.asn.au

Wednesday 10 April and Thursday 11 April, 3.00pm to 7.00pm
Dungeons and Dragons: skills for life
Game designer, comedian, and actor Ben McKenzie is hosting this two part workshop for young people aged 12 to 25.

- Doncaster Library, MC Square, 687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
- Free
- Bookings essential
- wml.vic.gov.au
Saturday 13 April, 10.00am to 3.00pm
Heide Makers Market
Showcasing up to 120 different makers each month, from artwork to tasty treats.
Heide Museum of Modern Art Sculpture Park, 7 Templestowe Road, Bulleen
Free
heidemarket.com

Wednesday 17 April, 6.30pm to 8.00pm
Craft together
Come along with your latest crafting project, meet others and share your crafting ideas. Bring your own crafting supplies. All ages welcome.
Doncaster Library, MC Square, 687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
Free
wml.vic.gov.au

Opening Wednesday 17 April, 6.00pm to 8.00pm
Stratified Perspective
A group exhibition exploring layering, contrast and the notions of harmony, order and discord.
Manningham Art Gallery, Ground Floor, MC Square, 687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
Free
manningham.vic.gov.au/stratified-perspective

Tuesday 30 April, 7.30pm to 9.00pm
School readiness
How do you know when your child is ready for school? Learn readiness indicators and support strategies with Angela McGann in this session for parents.
Manningham Function Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
Bookings essential
$10 per person, $5 concession
manningham.vic.gov.au/parenting-seminar-series

Friday May 17, 24, 31 and June 7, 10.00am to 11.30am
Thriving
Doncare presents this 4 week program facilitated by counsellors. Learn how to be more present, resilient and live with purpose.
Doncare, MC Square, 687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
Bookings essential
$25 for 4 sessions
9856 1500
doncare.org.au

Tuesday 14 May, 7.30pm to 9.00pm
Real wired child: what kids are doing online and how to keep them safe
Dr Michael Carr Gregg will discuss everything parents need to know about social networking sites, cyberbullying, internet addiction, filtering software and online games.
Manningham Function Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
Bookings essential
$20 per person, $10 concession
manningham.vic.gov.au/parenting-seminar-series

Monday 3 June, 7.30pm to 9.00pm
Building resilience in children and teens
After the first session sold out, Andrew Fuller author, clinical psychologist and family therapist, joins us for a second seminar to discuss the strengths and vulnerabilities of young people. He will cover what parents and carers can do to support their teens to deal with the pressures of everyday life.
Manningham Function Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
Bookings essential
$10 per person, $5 concession
manningham.vic.gov.au/parenting-seminar-series
31 March is Neighbourhood Day. It is a special day to remind each other to go out, meet the people living in our immediate environment and strengthen our relationship with each other. Neighbourhoods that are connected can help create safer, happier and healthier communities.

neighbourday.org
Celebrating our community

Every year the Order of Australia recognises those who have made outstanding contributions that benefit their communities and our country.

In 2019, the honours list was the largest in history and included 6 residents of Manningham. Mayor Cr Paula Piccinini acknowledged the recipients at the Council meeting on Tuesday 26 February and thanked them for their service.

Mr Kevin John Sheedy AM of Park Orchards – Officer (AO) in the General Division
For distinguished service to Australian rules football as a senior coach, and to education and employment programs for young people.

Ms Sally Lisa Goldner of Bulleen – Member (AM) in the General Division
For significant service to the LGBTIQ community through advocacy roles, and to the broadcast media.

Miss Coral Shirley Deague of Wonga Park – Medal (OAM) in the General Division
For service to dance as a choreographer and teacher.

Dr Boon Hung Hong of Doncaster – Medal (OAM) in the General Division
For service to community health.

Mr Geoffrey Bruce Roberts of Doncaster – Medal (OAM) in the General Division
For service to the community of Manningham.

Mrs Loel Thomson of Bulleen – Medal (OAM) in the General Division
For service to community history.


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