Message from OUR MAYOR

With the Panel Hearing well underway for North East Link, we are taking this opportunity to present our case to ensure the best possible outcome for the Manningham community. One of the most devastating impacts of the road project will be the proposed loss of the Bulleen Industrial Precinct placing 1,200 jobs at risk.

Many of the 110 businesses who call this precinct home have run established family businesses for over 40 years, with second generation family members now working in them and employing local residents.

One of the many businesses under threat is Bulleen Art and Garden, who run sustainable gardening workshops, art classes and provide an opportunity for our local artists to show their wares. They have played a significant role in revegetating the nearby Little Bolin billabong which is also at risk from the North East Link project.

We are particularly concerned about the social impact on employees and owners of these businesses and call on the Andrews Government to ensure they are treated respectfully and fairly, suffering no net loss.

Find out more on page 6 or visit manningham.vic.gov.au/nel

These grants support one off innovative activities or equipment purchases, see page 4.

The Manningham Business Excellence Awards are happening again later in the year and we want to hear from you. If your business is based in Manningham, or provides business to the Manningham community, you can find out about nominations online at manninghambea.com.au

The Mayoral Ball 2019 on Friday 25 October is also fast approaching, celebrating 50 years of Doncare. It will fundraise for Doncare’s Resilient Kids – Positive Futures programs. Find out more and get your tickets at manningham.vic.gov.au/mayoral-ball

Can’t wait to see you there.

Cr Paula Piccinini
Mayor

What you’re saying about us

We recently heard from you as part of the 2019 Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey and through our own 2019 Citizen Connect research, with customers who have contacted us in the last 12 months.

Both surveys were conducted independently and report on statistically significant results. Overall, you rated us higher than the average rating for councils state-wide and the same as for councils in the metropolitan group.

Our top 3 performing service areas are waste management, recreational facilities and emergency and disaster management but there were also some services where there are opportunities for improvement. We also heard about your expectations, our performance and how you prefer to communicate with us. See more of the survey results:

yoursaymanningham.com.au/customer-research-results
What do you want the future of Manningham to look like?

We want to hear from you as we develop our Liveable City Strategy, an urban design framework for Manningham, and review our Doncaster Hill Strategy.

Do we need more trees? What parks are important to you? How should it feel when you are walking around? What would help you use your car less? What about building and urban spaces – what makes them work for you? How can we be more creative to support our future? What would you like Manningham to look and feel like in the future?

Your input will also feed into our vision as we look forward to 2040 in Manningham.

Get involved in the conversation or find out more:

- facebook.com/manninghamcouncil

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Did you know, the Home Library Service is free for Manningham residents who are housebound or have difficulty getting to the library?

#PartOfYourEveryDay

wml.vic.gov.au

The Victorian Government will implement a state-wide ban on lightweight plastic shopping bags from November 2019.

vicbagban.com.au

Make sure your gas heater is safe. Have it serviced at least once every 2 years, by a qualified gasfitter and check for safety advice – some heaters need fresh air flow to operate safely.

@EnergySafeVic

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Our Powerful Stories video series has been highly commended in the Arts Animates category at the 2019 National Awards for Local Government. The video series features 10 local women as they share their personal stories, reflect on their journeys, achievements and hopes for the future.

View the 4 part video series online at manningham.vic.gov.au/powerful-stories
HenPower is an exciting new animal assisted creative therapy program, which uses hens to help people living in aged care. Overseen by occupational therapists, the new program at Kevin Heinze GROW creates wonderful opportunities for positive personal development, increased social engagement and greater wellbeing.

From September, residents of Manningham’s aged care facilities are invited to visit the hens at Kevin Heinze GROW in Doncaster with the goal of offering a mobile service next year.

Applications for our Small Grants Program open on Monday 2 September and close at 5.00pm on Monday 30 September.

These grants support one off, innovative activities or equipment purchases and are available twice each year. Community groups and organisations that deliver activities which involve and benefit our local community are invited to apply.

There are 2 small grants categories:
- Community Strengthening (up to $3,000)
- Equipment Purchase (up to $1,500)

To find out more about the program and how to prepare your application, see our Community Grant Guidelines:

manningham.vic.gov.au/grants

All applications must be developed and submitted through SmartyGrants, our online grants management system:

manningham.smartygrants.com.au

Grant application support is available, to discuss your community group’s application:

9840 9305

We recently announced our 2019/20 grant recipients for our Community Development and Arts and Culture grants. This year we are providing more than $800,000 in funding to a wide range of community organisations. There are a variety of fantastic initiatives that will be delivered and we look forward to sharing these throughout the year.

For more information, visit:

manningham.vic.gov.au/grants
Our new coworking space

Coworking is here and it’s time to take a break from your home office or business space and work from a fresh location.

Take the opportunity to get creative, meet new friends or business contacts and work alongside likeminded people with an inspiring view at MC Square in Doncaster.

Manningham’s coworking initiative is brought to you by the Victorian State Government and the Manningham Business Network.

First Tuesday of each month, 9.30am to 4.00pm
📍 MC Square, 687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
✔ Bookings essential
💰 Free
🔗 manninghambusiness.com.au

2019/20 Manningham Business Program out now

See the range of events and meetings happening across Manningham and connect with others in local businesses. You can join our Facebook page to stay connected or subscribe to our enewsletter to stay up to date on the latest business news.

Find out more:
🔗 facebook.com/manninghambusiness
🔗 manninghambusiness.com.au
Employees short changed by the North East Link project

One of the most devastating impacts of the North East Link project is the proposed loss of the Bulleen Industrial Precinct, which is home to 110 businesses. Some of these businesses have been serving our local community for over 40 years and at least 1,200 people stand to lose their jobs as a consequence.

With so many jobs at risk, the impact of the Bulleen Industrial Precinct’s closure could be just as great as the closure of Ford’s manufacturing operations in Geelong and Broadmeadows.

Mayor Cr Paula Piccinini is calling on the Andrews Government to provide a tailored compensation package for all affected employees. “Compensation is about more than just a dollar figure. We want to see a fully tailored transition plan for impacted workers that includes reskilling, financial compensation and other additions as required. This is what the government offered Ford employees and this is what the government must offer the people in our community who are disadvantaged because of the North East Link project.”

Particularly concerning is the social impact of these job losses. A large number of employees in this precinct are in a vulnerable position when it comes to reemployment opportunities and have experienced extended periods of unemployment in the past.

“We want to ensure everyone impacted by the closure of Bulleen Industrial Precinct is treated respectfully and fairly. The process of any land acquisition and compensation must be conducted in a timely fashion, to give people the certainty they need now so they can plan for the future,” Cr Piccinini said.

Find out more about what we’re doing to support the precinct: manningham.vic.gov.au/nel

GET INVOLVED

Tell the State Government that the iconic River Red Gum in Bulleen is here to stay.

Sign the ‘Save the 300-year-old Bulleen River Red Gum’ petition on change.org

Celebrating the 2019 Victorian Tree of the Year on National Tree Day

On Sunday 28 July we celebrated National Tree Day by commemorating Bulleen’s iconic 300 year old River Red Gum, voted as the National Trust’s 2019 Victorian Tree of the Year.

The tree stands 20 metres tall, has a canopy that spans 17 metres and a trunk 2 metres wide. A symbol of resilience, the tree has survived European settlement, agricultural development, urbanisation and industrialisation.

Located on the corner of Manningham Road and Bridge Street, the tree has been protected for years by Council, locals and conservation groups alike. Local Phillip Neville remembers defending the tree 50 years ago when an arborist stood at its base with a chainsaw to make way for a service station. It was the last tree left on the lot and Mr Neville saved it for the enjoyment of our community.

This year the River Red Gum has been voted as the 2019 Victorian Tree of the Year and ironically it is once again under threat from the North East Link project. Project designs show plans to axe the tree to make way for the $15.8 billion road.

We’re calling on the North East Link Project to redesign the road around this important tree. A tree of such significant environmental and cultural value deserves to be preserved and protected for many generations to come.
New adventure playspace at Lawford Reserve

Lawford Reserve in Doncaster now has a wonderful new playspace for all to enjoy.

Complete with a climbing net, play unit, a cubby, slides and swings, the new adventure playspace was completed in June, as part of stage 3 of the Lawford Reserve upgrade.

The reserve also now includes a paved circuit path, a look out sitting area, new trees and signage. Still to come as part of this multi-stage upgrade is a new public toilet, connecting footpaths and additional entrance plants.

New developments are bringing new residents to the area and we have an important role to provide open spaces to meet the needs of this growing community.

Delivering the Lawford Reserve upgrade has been an exciting journey and now that it is all taking shape, we encourage you and your families to come along and enjoy this wonderful new space.

On Saturday 15 June, 240 people attended the launch of the new playspace with community planting, rock painting and basketball games on the day.

manningham.vic.gov.au/lawford-reserve

Property valuations and your rates

This month, you will receive your rates notice for 2019/20.

The market value of your property is used to calculate your rates and this year there are 2 changes to the way this is being done.

Firstly, this year property valuations have been centralised by the State Government, with the Valuer-General responsible for property valuations instead of local councils. Secondly, property valuations are also now being undertaken every year, as at 1 January, rather than every 2 years.

How your property valuation affects your rates

A property’s rates are calculated by multiplying the market value of a property (also known as Capital Improved Value) by the rate in the dollar. The rate in the dollar for this year is 0.17 cents.

Under the State Government’s rate cap, Manningham, and all councils in Victoria, must keep the average rate increase of all properties to 2.5%. This cap applies to overall rate revenue collected by Council, not your individual property.

This means, depending on your individual property valuation your rates may go up by more or less than 2.5%.

2019 property valuations

This year we have seen an average decrease in property valuations of 13.2% in Manningham. Generally, property valuations in the west of Manningham have dropped by more than those in the east, however this has not been consistent across the municipality.

If you have a question about your property valuation, let us know and we will re-direct your enquiry onto the State Government Valuer-General’s office.

manningham.vic.gov.au/rates
1. Bulleen Park
   Addition of female friendly change facilities.
   $100,000

2. Koonung Park
   Upgrade of facilities including new synthetic cricket training nets and female friendly change facilities.
   $163,000

3. Ironbank Reserve*
   Park upgrade including new playspace, fitness equipment, furniture and planting.
   $200,000

4. Lynnwood Reserve
   Park upgrade including design and construction of a new playspace, furniture and planting.
   $200,000

5. Wood Street
   Footpath improvement works.
   $40,000

6. Ruffey Creek Linear Park*
   Redevelopment including new play equipment, picnic facilities, car parking, landscaping and signage.
   $165,000

7. High Street
   New pedestrian refuge south of Winters Way.
   $70,000

8. Mount View Road Catchment
   Drainage improvement design and implementation.
   $20,000

9. Pettys Reserve
   Upgrade the reserve to include 2 synthetic soccer fields, floodlighting and a new sports pavilion.
   $3,500,000
In our 2019/20 Annual Budget we have an extensive $50 million capital works program to deliver infrastructure improvements and capital projects across Manningham. This includes $3.2 million to improve footpaths, $5.8 million for drainage improvements and $16.7 million for road upgrades.

10. Ruffey Lake Park  
Landscaping, new seating, signage and pathway improvements.  
$240,000

11. Rieschiecks Reserve  
Upgrade of facilities including the pavilion.  
$1,240,000

12. Gilford Road and Arthur Street  
Footpath improvement works.  
$95,000

13. Thea Reserve  
Park upgrade including design and construction of a new playspace, furniture and planting.  
$165,000

14. Boronia Reserve  
Upgrade the pavilion to include 2 change rooms, a canteen, umpires’ room, public toilets and a multipurpose space.  
$1,000,000

15. Warrandyte roads  
Upgrade of Harris Gully Road and Yarra Road, design only.  
$400,000

16. Doncaster Hockey clubrooms  
Addition of female friendly change facilities.  
$175,000

17. Allara Reserve  
Park upgrade including design and construction of a new playspace, furniture and planting.  
$110,000

18. Tunstall Square*  
Construction of stages 4b and 5 of the shopping centre upgrade works.  
$368,000

19. Sonia and Martha streets  
Footpath improvement works.  
$75,000

20. Main Yarra Trail  
Extension of the Main Yarra Trail, connecting the Mullum Mullum Trail to the Warrandyte township.  
$400,000

21. Lions Park*  
Redevelopment including new play equipment, picnic facilities, car parking, landscaping and signage.  
$410,000

22. Domeney Reserve  
Upgrade of the pavilion, change rooms, amenities, car parking and lighting.  
$1,000,000

23. Colman Road  
Upgrade of the speed humps and intersection works.  
$50,000

24. Jumping Creek Road*  
Road upgrade between Ringwood-Warrandyte Road and Homestead Road.  
$3,200,000

25. Yarra Road  
Pedestrian path from Arunga Road to 368 Yarra Road.  
$640,000

* This project is being delivered over multiple financial years.

For more information:  
manningham.vic.gov.au/capital-works
Tickets for the 2019 Mayoral Ball are on sale now. This year’s event celebrates Doncare’s 50th anniversary and will fundraise for Resilient Kids – Positive Futures.

**Friday 25 October, 7.00pm**

Manningham Function Centre
699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

To purchase tickets or for more information
9840 9304
manningham.vic.gov.au/mayoral-ball

Proudly sponsored by Noel Jones Doncaster.

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**Tennis for everyone at Templestowe Park**

Templestowe Park Tennis Club will be running a new social program for players with an intellectual disability to play tennis in a safe and friendly environment.

The 4 week trial program is starting at the end of August and will be run by coaches who are experienced working with players with intellectual disabilities. Head coach Jayden currently coaches Daniel, 30 (pictured above), who has a physical and intellectual disability but doesn’t let that stop him loving his tennis.

The club wants as many players as possible to get involved and provide feedback on how they can improve their offering for all abilities players.

The program is registered with the NDIS so players with access to this will be able to play free of charge.

The final night of the program is a Fri-YAY Family Fun Night where all players of the club will come together for a social hit of tennis. This will be a fantastic opportunity for parents and carers of players to get together. Players can enjoy tennis for life, no matter their abilities.

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**Apply for your parking permit online**

We are continuing to provide more services online for your convenience. If you need to apply for a parking permit, simply visit our website.

You no longer need to submit your application in person or by mail. Instead you can apply online for residential, disability, trader (commercial), tradesperson, carer and Aquarena parking permits.

For more information, to submit an application and pay if required, visit:

manningham.vic.gov.au/parking-permits
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manningham.vic.gov.au

GARDEN WASTE VOUCHERS
If you live in a Bushfire Prone Area you are eligible for up to 4 complimentary vouchers each year to dispose of garden waste. Each voucher is valid for a 3 month period and can be used at our Manningham Garden Waste Centre.

For more information, including restrictions and voucher periods:

manningham.vic.gov.au/garden-waste-voucher

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT
Each year we run a range of programs and projects for you to get involved in and help protect our diverse environment.

Participate in our Smarter Living workshops or Spring Outdoors program, attend one of our environment seminars or nature walks or enquire about our range of environmental volunteer opportunities.

Find out more about our programs and see a copy of the most recent annual environment report:


VICHEALTH ACTIVE CLUB GRANT FOR MANNINGHAM TABLE TENNIS CLUB
Manningham Table Tennis Club conducts a range of social and competitive games and welcomes players of all ages, experience and abilities.

Recently, the club received a VicHealth Active Club Grant which enabled the purchase of 2 wheelchair friendly tables and equipment specifically designed for our junior coaching programs.

Contact the club:

Stephen on 0406 808 735
manninghamtt@gmail.com

Art Smart: stories and craft at the Manningham Art Gallery

A new program at Manningham Art Gallery is getting kids involved in art from an early age.

The Art Smart program celebrates our latest gallery exhibitions with story time and craft sessions themed around the exhibition. The program is suitable for children aged from 3 to 5 years old. Parent/guardian supervision is required.

Upcoming art and craft sessions:

• Friday 16 August – in conjunction with the 2019 Manningham Ceramic Award finalists exhibition
• Friday 11 October – in conjunction with Updated Fright
• Friday 29 November – in conjunction with Far Flung

Selected Fridays, 11.00am to 11.45am
Art Smart: stories and craft at the Manningham Art Gallery

Manningham Art Gallery, 687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Presented in partnership with the Whitehorse Manningham Regional Library Corporation.

manningham.vic.gov.au/art-smart

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Wednesday 14 August to Saturday 14 September
11.00am to 5.00pm
Manningham Victorian Ceramic Art Award 2019 – Finalist’s Exhibition
Our biennial acquisitive award surveying the diversity of practices in contemporary ceramics across the state. The finalists’ exhibition will showcase the very best selections from a broad field of entries.

- Manningham Art Gallery
  687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
  Free
  manningham.vic.gov.au/ceramic-award-exhibition

Thursday 15 August to Thursday 19 September
10.00am to 12noon
Choir
Under the guidance of a professional Opera singer, learn to sing songs from around the world.

- Manningham Art Studios
  687 Manningham Road, Doncaster
  ✔ Bookings essential
  $ $80
  9840 9382
  manningham.vic.gov.au/adults-art-courses

Saturday 17 August
9.00am to 1.00pm
Park Orchards Market
Offering fresh produce, wines, oils and condiments.

- Park Orchards Primary School
  corner Bowmore Avenue and Park Road, Park Orchards
  $ Free
  parkorchardsmarket.com

Thursday 22 August
Miss Hits
The successful British girls only tennis program is available now at Templestowe Park Tennis Club. Run indoors for 4 weeks only for girls aged 5 to 8 years old, the program is aimed at beginners and encourages girls to play sport in a non-confrontational group environment.

- Templestowe Park Tennis Club
  Templestowe Reserve
  corner Porter and Hawtin streets
  ✔ Bookings essential
  $ $40 for 4 weeks
  Emma on 0423 713 969
  info@grippingpotential.com.au

Saturday 24 August
9.00am to 1.00pm
Wonga Park Farmers Market
Featuring produce from local growers and specialty makers in a vibrant village atmosphere.

- Wonga Park Primary School
  41 Dudley Road, Wonga Park
  $ Free
  wongapark.vic.edu.au/wonga-park-farmers-market

Saturday 24 August
11.00am to 4.00pm
Children’s Book Week Family Fun Day
Celebrate Children’s Book Week with fun, games and creativity. Enjoy LEGO® free play, giant games, and board games for the whole family.

- The Pines Library
  corner Reynolds and Blackburn roads, East Doncaster
  $ Free
  wml.vic.gov.au
Sunday 25 August
8.00am to 1.00pm
Tunstall Square Market
Up to 100 stalls selling an eclectic mix of art, crafts, books, plants, farm produce and clothing.
 venues
  Tunstall Square Shopping Centre corner Doncaster and Tunstall roads, Doncaster East
 $ Free
 m/warrandytedonvalerotary.org.au/tunstall

Monday 2 September
2.30pm to 4.00pm
Starting solid foods
For babies 4 to 6 months, this session will teach you how to introduce solid foods. This session will be facilitated by a Maternal and Child Health Nurse.
 venues
  Doncaster MCH Centre, Level 1 MC Square, 687 Doncaster Road Doncaster
 ✔ Bookings essential
 $ Free
 m/manningham.vic.gov.au/starting-solid-foods

Wednesday 4 September
9.00am to 4.00pm
Business advice
Book a confidential, one on one session to support your business planning.
 venues
  Manningham Civic Centre
  699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
 ✔ Bookings essential
 $ $20
 m/manninghambusiness.com.au

Wednesday 4 September
7.30 pm to 9.00 pm
Seminar: ecological costs and benefits of stormwater wetlands
Join ecologist Dr Rob Hale who will discuss how urban stormwater treatment wetlands perform as habitats for aquatic animals and how understanding this can help inform future wetland management.
 venues
  River View Room
  The Grand Hotel
  110 Yarra Street, Warrandyte
 $ Free
 m/manningham.vic.gov.au/environment-seminars

Saturday 7 September
1.30pm to 4.30pm
Life drawing workshop
Learn to analyse the shapes and contours of the human form. Be guided through the fundamentals of life drawing, with a professional life model.
 venues
  Manningham Art Studios
  687 Manningham Road, Doncaster
 ✔ Bookings essential
 $ $45 full / $40 concession
 t/9840 9382
 m/manningham.vic.gov.au/art-on-the-weekend

Saturday 7 September
8.00am to 1.00pm
Warrandyte Riverside Market
A variety of fresh fruit and vegetables, plants, jams, cheese, breads and pastries. Enjoy live entertainment as you stroll the market.
 venues
  Stiggants Reserve
  Stiggants Road, Warrandyte
 $ Free
 m/warrandyteriversidemarket.com.au
Monday 9 September
2.30pm to 4.00pm
Supporting your child to sleep
For babies 4 to 12 months, learn how to support your child to sleep. This session will be 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/supporting-your-child-to-sleep

Tuesday 10 September
7.00am to 9.00am
Managing critical incidents at work
The Manningham Business Network guest speaker this month is Catherine Wareham. She is passionate about helping businesses deal with the vast array of issues they confront.
- Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
- Bookings essential
- $30 per person
- manninghambusinessnetwork.com.au

Wednesday 11 September
5.30pm to 8.30pm
Search Engine Optimisation (SEO) foundations for Small Business Workshop
Mobile technology has given control to consumers, so learn how to position your small business where it can be found online.
- Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
- Bookings essential
- Free
- manninghambusiness.com.au/events/seo-foundations-for-small-business

Wednesday 11 September
7.00pm to 9.00pm
School preparation and transition
Melinda Vander Reest from Early Life Foundations returns to discuss the best time to send your child to school. Covering the importance of your child’s maturity to make the most of their learning and ensuring they don’t have to play catch up once there.
- Manningham Civic Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster
- Bookings essential
- $10 per ticket

Saturday 14 September
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

Tuesday 24 September
10.00am to 12.00noon
Kids garden dance plant
Learn how to plant vegetable seedlings while having fun to music. Discuss how the garden grows and take home your own decorated potted veggie plant. Presented with The Sage Garden.
- Doncaster Hill Kids Community Garden, Hummel Way, Doncaster
- Bookings essential
- Free
- manningham.vic.gov.au/spring-outdoors
In our 2019/20 budget, we have a significant $50 million project to improve the infrastructure and capital projects across Manningham. This includes $3.2 million for sidewalk improvements, $5.8 million for sewer improvements, and $16.7 million for road upgrades.

manningham.vic.gov.au/capital-works
Congratulations to the winners of our 2019 Photo Competition, our judges had a tough job choosing the best photos from those shortlisted.

We put the call out and you answered – submitting more than 340 fantastic photos showing how you like to get out and #exploreManningham.

The winner in each category (open and under 18) received a $1200 Visa gift card as their prize and will have their photo featured in our 2020 Community Calendar.

Stay up to date on future photo competitions by signing up to our email list: manningham.vic.gov.au/photo-competition

Winner, Open category: Autumn in Manningham by Barbara Brown

Winner, Under 18 category: Riding in Manningham by Sam Parsons