

Moving Ahead

IN THE CITY
OF MELTON
SUMMER 2021



Live local. Buy local.

We've all done it tough over the past couple of years, but it's no secret that some of those hardest hit by the coronavirus pandemic have been our local business operators.



Many of our restaurants, cafes, creative industries, accountants, hairdressers, and retailers, just to name a few, have really struggled. That's why now, more than ever, it's so important that we as a community pull together to support our local businesses and help them recover from what have no doubt been two of the toughest years, financially and emotionally, in recent history.

Local businesses are owned and operated by your neighbours. They care about, and are invested, in the wellbeing of our community and its future. They donate money, time and products to local clubs and groups, and often provide more personalised customer service. Supporting local businesses is good for the environment, too, because they often have a smaller carbon footprint than larger companies.

So, now as retail and other services are reopening, be sure to support our community by buying local. Try the menu at a local restaurant for lunch or dinner—there are plenty of outdoor dining options in the City of Melton to choose from; purchase a birthday present at a local gift shop; join a local gym; visit a local nursery or hardware store for your spring gardening needs; and get your car serviced at a local mechanic.

Make sure you follow, like and share the Melton City Much More Facebook page. It's your one-stop-shop for news, events and specials offers by local businesses...in fact, every week, we host Mega Deal Thursday, when you'll find some outstanding one-day only discounts just for you. So, visit [facebook.com/meltoncitymuchmore](https://www.facebook.com/meltoncitymuchmore) regularly, and remember when you live local, you should buy local, too.

Message

from Melton City Council

We're happy to share the latest edition of Council's *Moving Ahead* newsletter for our residents to enjoy. Read on to find out more about some of our major infrastructure and road works projects, along with details of our streamlined waste collection options available to property owners and renters.

Council also recently adopted its *Council and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025*, *Asset Plan 2021-2031* and *Financial Plan 2021-2031*, so we've included some information in this newsletter about these exciting strategic plans and how you can view them for yourself, online.

As we make our way out of lockdown, it's timely to remind residents that they can keep up to date with the reopening of Council facilities and services by visiting our website at melton.vic.gov.au/covid19

Council's community portal: get online, sign up for our newsletter and online transactions

Have you discovered our online community portal yet? Sign up and you can renew your pet registrations, book a hard waste collection, pay your rates or service invoices, and submit a planning application on the Melton City Council website, any time of the day, seven-days a week.

For all the latest Council news, sign up for our e-newsletter by visiting melton.vic.gov.au/enews

You can also visit melton.vic.gov.au to access a wealth of information about our community, including local events, learning and training opportunities, community grants and much, much more.

Project Updates



MacPherson Park Recreation Reserve is one of the most iconic sports and recreation facilities within the City of Melton; a place countless sports and recreation groups have called home since the reserve was established in the 1970s.

Over the past three years, Council has been updating, transforming and reimagining MacPherson Park into some of the most modern, well appointed facilities our community has to offer, transforming this reserve into a true sports destination—not only within our community, but across Melbourne's western region and beyond.

Here's a roundup of the latest works Council has undertaken at MacPherson Park. Remember, if you want to find out more about this, and many of the other outstanding projects being undertaken by Council, visit melton.vic.gov.au/majorprojects

Grass oval



Great news! Construction of the new grass oval at the MacPherson Park Recreation Reserve was completed earlier this year.

Local contractors McMahons Pty Ltd were engaged to construct the new grass oval, entry road and sports field lighting. Bewired, another local contractor, was engaged to install

the sports field lighting for this exciting project.

For the past five months, the grass has been establishing, in preparation for the 2021/2022 sports season. The local cricket club has started the preparation of the turf wicket, allowing for cricket competition to commence this month.

When it's ready for competition, the new oval will support the growing junior and senior, men's and women's participation in cricket and Australian Rules Football by replacing the old oval which had poor drainage, lighting, and playing surface, with a fantastic new, full-sized surface on which home teams and visitors can play.

PROJECT VALUE: \$2.5 million

Soccer pavilion



Due to be completed in January, the construction of the soccer pavilion at MacPherson Park will support the growing demand for local junior and senior, men's and women's participation in soccer.

The old pavilion, which has been demolished, was over thirty years old, in poor condition, and was not large enough to support the three soccer pitches house at the reserve.

PROJECT VALUE: \$3.9 million

Council was supported by a \$1.18 million grant from the Victorian Government through their Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program for this project.

Council adopts key strategic documents

Our new *Council and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025*, *Financial Plan 2021-2031* and *Asset Plan 2021-2031*, have been adopted, following an extensive community engagement process, including the establishment of our first community panel.

The *Council and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025* sets out Council's strategic directions for the next four years and includes a new vision, which aspires to create a vibrant, safe, and liveable City accessible to all. Six themes have also been developed to address the different aspects of Council's service delivery over the next four years. These cover social and cultural connectivity, the natural and built environment, planning for current and future growth, promoting greater

education and employment opportunities within the City of Melton, community engagement, and continuing Council's work as high performing organisation that demonstrates civic leadership and organisational excellence.

The *Council and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025*, along with the *Financial Plan 2021-2031* and *Asset Plan 2021-2031* are now available on our website at melton.vic.gov.au/councilplan

Upcoming Events



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Something new and exciting is coming this year for our local Carols by Candlelight event. We can't give away too much just yet, but rest assured we've got something special planned for you in an online Christmas celebration on Thursday 16 December.

So, lock the date in your diary and keep an eye out on Council's website at melton.vic.gov.au or Facebook page facebook.com/cityofmelton for more details over the next few weeks.

Roadworks projects



ROAD RECONSTRUCTION:

Exford Road (between Eynesbury Road and Werribee River Bridge, Exford)

Great news for Exford and Eynesbury residents—Exford Road, between Eynesbury Road and the bridge at the Werribee River, will undergo road reconstructions as part of our Road Sealing program.

The works will rebuild this section of Exford Road to provide a new, safe road surface and includes additional safety improvements like new safety barriers, new line marking (including audio-tactile lane edge lines), improved road shoulder treatment and increased lane widths at road curves.

Tree protection zones and native vegetation "no-go" zones will be implemented during the works to ensure surrounding vegetation is protected for the duration of the works.

Council will seek to minimise traffic disruptions as much as possible during construction, but to help with traffic management, please use an alternative route, whenever possible.

CONSTRUCTION DATES: October to December 2021
PROJECT VALUE: \$994,500

ROAD RECONSTRUCTION:

Highfield Way and Parkleigh Drive, Kurunjang

Highfield Way and Parkleigh Drive, between Highfield Way and Herbal Avenue, Kurunjang, will undergo road and kerb reconstruction works as part of Council's 2021/2022 Road Sealing program.

The works will include rebuilding the road to remove undulations, along with some speed calming measures to increase safety for residents. The works will also include the replacement of existing driveway crossovers to properties, so residents can expect some disruption and inconvenience while these works are underway, however works will be staged and scheduled to minimise disruption as much as possible.

CONSTRUCTION DATES: October to December 2021
PROJECT VALUE: \$673,300

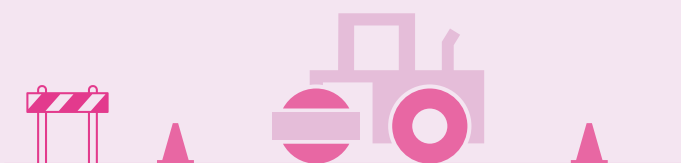
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION:

Meskos Road, Truganina

Mesko Road, Truganina, will undergo road reconstruction to improve the surface of the road, as part of our 2021/2022 Road Sealing program.

Works will be staged and scheduled to minimise disruption to traffic as much as possible, access to residences and businesses located in Meskos Road will be maintained during the works however some delays can be expected.

CONSTRUCTION DATES: November to December 2021
PROJECT VALUE: \$405,000



Make the most of your waste entitlements

Council has streamlined its waste service options and introduced a flat fee of \$332. The fee includes an additional At Home hard waste collection and optional kerbside green FOGO (Food Organics. Green Organics).

TABLE OF WASTE CHARGES

Option	GARBAGE BIN	RECYCLE BIN	FOGO BIN	ANNUAL CHARGE
A	120 LT	240 LT	240 LT	\$332
C	120 LT	240 LT	120 LT	
E	120 LT	240 LT	NIL	

Additional bins are available on request (fees and charges apply).



In addition, households receive the following entitlements, each year:

Two At Home hard waste collections up to 3m³ from within your property boundary. Bookings essential. Visit melton.vic.gov.au/hardwaste

OR

Two visits to the Melton Recycling Facility with a car or trailer up to 1m³.

OR

One visit to the Melton Recycling Facility and one At Home hard waste collection.

Options expire on 30 June 2022. Terms and conditions apply. Visit melton.vic.gov.au/waste for more information.

The good news is, either property owners or renters can request a change to a property's bin options, with proof of residency. Additional bins, however, can only be requested by property owners, as fees apply.

To alter your bin option please visit melton.vic.gov.au/bins

Free green waste drop-off at Melton Recycling Facility until 31 December

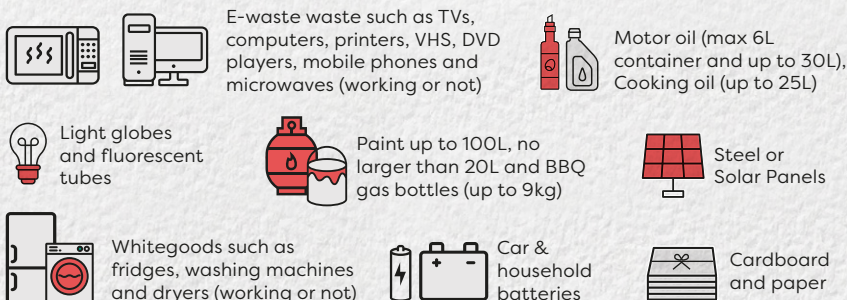
Just in time for summer and the upcoming fire season, residents are able to drop off green waste for FREE at the Melton Recycling Facility, until 31 December.

Identification, and proof of residency, must be shown on

arrival, and operating hours for the MRF will be dependent on State Government COVID restrictions.

For full details about dropping off your green waste for free at the Melton Recycling Facility visit: melton.vic.gov.au/greenwaste

Always FREE to dispose for Melton residents. Charges apply for some items for non-residents:



Did you know you can drop off number of household items safely and sustainably at the Melton Recycling Facility for free, all year round?

For more information visit melton.vic.gov.au/waste or call 9747 7200

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