

# Moving Ahead

IN THE CITY  
OF MELTON  
AUTUMN 2023



## Parent education program expands



Are you looking for support to settle your baby? What about toilet training assistance with challenging behaviour? Or maybe, you'd just like some general support from parental educators and other families?

To help support families of young children, we have expanded our free Parent Education Program with more groups, sessions, and locations for 2023.

Under the program, Parent Group Educators will provide the educational component that families would usually receive at the Key Age and Stage visits through the Maternal and Child Health service.

The program also gives parents an opportunity to ask questions, hear from other parents and get information and support.

Families can choose from the following free groups:

- Development at 4 months
- Development at 8 months
- Development at 12 months
- Development at 18 months
- Development at 2 years
- Development at 3 and a half years
- Infant Program
- Managing Challenging Behaviour
- Toddler Play and Development
- Toddler Nutrition and Fussy Eating
- Toilet Training
- Newborn Sleep and Settling

- Baby Sleep and Settling
- Toddler Sleep and Settling

The Parent Education Program is designed to support and guide parents through their child's growth and development and is a useful tool for all local families of young children.

To find out more or to book into any sessions, visit Council's website at [melton.vic.gov.au/ParentGroups](https://melton.vic.gov.au/ParentGroups)



## Mayor's Message

It's a pleasure to bring you all the latest Council news in this edition of Moving Ahead.

In this newsletter, you'll read more about our expanded Parent Education Program, road and infrastructure project updates, three amazing art exhibitions currently open around our community, and some great information about our Food Organics. Garden Organics. green bin service.

Remember, you can always have your say on key Council matters by visiting [conversations.melton.vic.gov.au](https://www.conversations.melton.vic.gov.au) or find out what's happening in our community at [melton.vic.gov.au/events](https://www.melton.vic.gov.au/events), or by visiting [libraryevents.melton.vic.gov.au](https://www.libraryevents.melton.vic.gov.au)

If you're interested in developing your skills or trying your hand at something completely new – like learning guitar or pastry cooking, you can visit [meltonlearning.com.au](https://www.meltonlearning.com.au) for dozens of courses, workshops and programs covering everything from digital technology, health and fitness, art, cooking, languages and much more.

**Cr Lara Carli**  
Mayor, City of Melton

# Projects update



## Mt Atkinson Children's and Community Centre



We are excited to announce the Mt Atkinson Children's and Community Centre is now open!

Located in Clara Avenue, Truganina, right in the heart of one of our fast-growing residential areas, with 800 residents, aged under four years are expected to call Truganina home by 2031.

This multi-purpose community facility provides flexible community space for a range of programs and services including a four-room kindergarten with outdoor play spaces, Maternal Child Health facilities, two community rooms, a community kitchen and outdoor space, two electronic vehicle charging stations and solar panels.

This project was jointly funded by Melton City Council, Building Blocks VSBA (\$2 million) and the Victorian State Government (\$800,000 through the Growing Suburbs Fund).

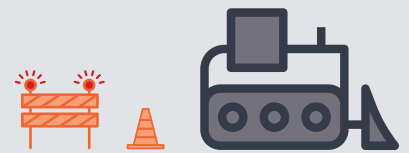
## Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve and Pavilion



The local community can look forward to the newly upgraded Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve being fully operational in the second half of this year.

A new community and sports pavilion is the centrepiece of a suite of upgrades at the reserve, which include redevelopment of oval 2, installation of new cricket nets, an electronic scoreboard and additional car parks.

Sand deliveries for oval 2 continue at the site this week with turf installation scheduled for later this month. Meanwhile, the steel frame for the pavilion is being manufactured off site, with deliveries and installation set to commence in early May.



## Kinder registrations for 2024 now open



Registrations for three- and four-year-old funded kindergarten in 2024 are now open.

If your child is turning three or four by 30 April next year, they are eligible to attend kindergarten in 2024.

Kindergarten provides a safe learning environment that encourages and supports children to socialise, explore their world and develop important lifelong skills.

For more information and registrations visit [melton.vic.gov.au/kindergarten](https://www.melton.vic.gov.au/kindergarten)

## Enjoying public art has become Second Nature



A new public artwork was unveiled at The Avenue Park, Caroline Springs, in February.

*Second Nature*, by renowned artist, Jade Oakley, plays on the theme of growth, and is not only a beautiful sculpture, but also provides a place of shelter and play at the heart of the park.



As part of the preparation work when creating *Second Nature*, Jade gathered drawings at community arts workshops, some of which have been etched into the pathways leading to the sculpture at the centre of the playground.

Image: *Second Nature*, Jade Oakley (Creative Road), curated by T Projects

To discover this, and all the other unique public artworks within the City of Melton, visit [melton.vic.gov.au/publicart](https://www.melton.vic.gov.au/publicart)

## Bulmans Road, Melton

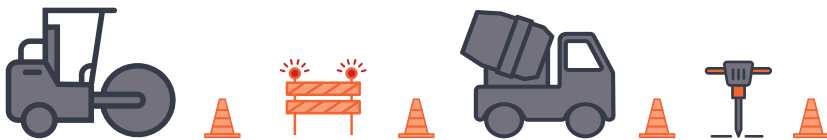
Council is upgrading Bulmans Road. About 1.4km of Bulmans Road, between Westlake Drive and Centenary Avenue will be widened, realigned and sealed, with new kerbs, underground drainage, median islands, on-street parking, and a shared pedestrian and cycle path.

Construction on the Bulmans Road and High Street signalised intersection and High Street Service Road are on track to start in the second half of the year. As a first step Powercor will be relocating major overhead and underground electrical transmission services between March till August 2023. To complete the works, approximately

40 well-established trees along Bulmans Road between High Street and Westlake Drive will need to be removed.

A further 40 trees will be removed during the road construction. The majority of these trees are in poor condition, and while around 80 are being removed, Council is offsetting this with new landscaping that includes planting of over 300 new trees of various sizes and maturity, and thousands of tube stock, including shrubs, grasses and groundcover.

To find out more about this project, visit **conversations.melton.vic.gov.au/bulmansroad**



## New projects being delivered

There are many more crucial community infrastructure projects being delivered across the City of Melton.

Projects underway, or about to start, include Plumpton Children's Centre and Neighbourhood

House, Taylors Hill Pavilion and Refurbishment Project, and many more.

You can visit our website at **melton.vic.gov.au/majorprojects** to find out more about these and all the other exciting projects in the works for our community.

## Council's community portal:

get online, and register your pet, book a hard waste collection and so much more!

Have you discovered our 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.



## Current exhibitions

### PYRRHIC VICTORY



**Melton Library and Learning Hub**  
31 McKenzie Street, Melton  
Open until 15 June

*Pyrrhic Victory* is a series of paintings highlighting the conflicting relationship between our growing human needs, and the needs of our environment, by emerging artist, Adelai van Loggerenberg.

### CONVERSATIONS WITH BIRDS



**Melton Civic Centre**  
232 High Street, Melton  
Open until 31 July

*Conversations with Birds* is a collection of vibrant and connected artworks featuring detailed depictions of Australian native birds by local artist, Naomi Leeder.

### THE EDGE



**CS Gallery**  
193 Caroline Springs Blvd,  
Caroline Springs  
Open until 9 July

*The Edge* explores the precarious but persistent state of nature at the edge of urban growth, featuring artists, Alice Duncan, Pie Bolton, Rebecca Mayor, Heather Hesterman and Aunty Vicki Kinai.

Image: Cultural Legacy, Pie Bolton.

# Good to go FOGO: a better place for food waste

Free up space in your red bin and help reduce the amount of waste going to landfill by putting food scraps into your green bin.

Your green bin is called Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO for short). By putting food scraps and garden clippings in your green bin, you free up space in your red bin; less food and garden waste ends up in landfill, reducing the production of harmful greenhouse gases.

Green FOGO kerbside collection bins are included as part of options A and B of your waste disposal fees. That means households can have one green bin, in either 120 or 240 litres, at no additional cost.

Either property owners or residential tenants can request a change to a property's bin options.



Visit [melton.vic.gov.au/FOGO](https://melton.vic.gov.au/FOGO)

Green bin

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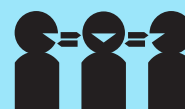
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