

# Moving Ahead

IN THE CITY  
OF MELTON  
SPRING 2022



## DJERRIWARRH FESTIVAL

### WHEN

Saturday 5 November

### WHERE

Melton Recreation Reserve  
and High Street, Melton

### TIME

11am – 10pm

# The Djerriwarrh Festival is back!

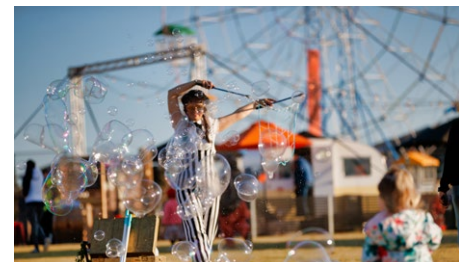
We're thrilled to announce that the Djerriwarrh Festival is back this November for the first time since 2019, with ARIA award-winning band Eskimo Joe headlining!

High-profile musicians Bodyjar, Maddy Jane, Steph Strings and Leonie Kingdom will join Eskimo Joe for a festival to be remembered.

Adding to the impressive live music line-up will be exciting free kids' activities and performances in the kid's zone, a big street parade to kick things off, market stalls bursting

with wares from local artists and designers, a food truck alley serving delicious treats, a pet expo, and captivating performances at the intercultural stage.

A bonfire and fireworks display in the evening (weather permitting) will cap off the festival.



For more details visit [djerriwarrhfest.com.au](https://djerriwarrhfest.com.au)

# Message

from Melton City Council

Welcome to this edition of Council's *Moving Ahead* newsletter.

In this newsletter you can find out more about some of our major infrastructure projects, some exciting funding announcements, along with details about our Fix Our Roads campaign, our Growing and Thriving Strategy and citizenship ceremonies.

In this issue you can also find out how to make the most of your waste entitlements, including free green waste disposal at Melton Recycling Facility until 31 December.

We're particularly excited to welcome back the Djerriwarrh Festival for the first time since 2019! We've gone all out to create a great day of entertainment for both our local residents and visitors to enjoy.

Don't forget that if you are having any difficulties paying your rates, please contact our friendly team on 9747 7200 so that we can help you arrange a payment plan.

For all the latest Council news, sign up for our eNewsletter. Visit [melton.vic.gov.au/enews](https://melton.vic.gov.au/enews)

# Project Updates



## Mount Atkinson Children's and Community Centre

The new Mount Atkinson Children's and Community Centre is almost complete and is expected to open in time for term one kindergarten next year.

The centre will provide flexible community space for a range of programs and services for the growing community, a Maternal Child Health Service and four-room kindergarten.

Three kindergarten rooms will initially open in January 2023 with the fourth to open as community demand grows.

This is a partnership project between Council and the Victorian Government through the Building Blocks grant program and the Growing Suburbs Fund.

FOLLOW THE PROJECT AT [MELTON.VIC.GOV.AU/MACCC](https://MELTON.VIC.GOV.AU/MACCC)  
PROJECT VALUE: \$7.2 MILLION



## Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve

The Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve project is progressing well, and groundwork has been done to prepare for the new community and sporting pavilion.

The project includes construction of a new sporting and community pavilion, realignment of Oval 2, and a new carpark and public toilets.

We're pleased to report that the earthworks are underway for the carpark, and the water tank is connected.

This is a partnership project between Council and the Victorian Government through the Growing Suburbs Fund, the Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program and Community Cricket Program.

FOLLOW THE PROJECT AT [MELTON.VIC.GOV.AU/DIGGERSRESTPAVILION](https://MELTON.VIC.GOV.AU/DIGGERSRESTPAVILION)  
PROJECT VALUE: \$12.5 MILLION

# Fix Our Roads



We launched our Fix Our Roads campaign earlier this year calling on all political parties and candidates to commit to upgrading key roads across the City of Melton.

Serious congestion and safety issues plague City of Melton roads every single day. Years of underinvestment has led to aged, rural-standard, congested roads that are a huge safety concern.

Major works including additional lanes and upgraded interchanges are needed to support the movement of our booming population, grow jobs and maximise commercial productivity.

Now is the time to invest in our main roads to reduce congestion, improve safety and unlock jobs. We want our residents to have the liveability they deserve.



Join the campaign and let all political parties know that you want major road upgrades by signing the petition at [fixourroads.com.au](https://fixourroads.com.au)



# \$5.65 million for new community centres and playgrounds



We've secured \$5.65 million in new funding for community centres and playgrounds from the Victorian Government's *Growing Suburbs Fund*.

The projects successfully funded this round are new children's and community centres in Aintree, Plumpton and Weir Views, which will provide families and children with access to three and four-year-old funded kindergarten, additional maternal and child health and family and early childhood services, and new play equipment and shade at Barwon Street Reserve, Blackwood Drive Recreation Reserve and Hillside Recreation Park.

The *Growing Suburbs Fund* has delivered better community infrastructure for our rapidly growing community for nearly

a decade. Partnerships like these with the Victorian Government are vital for ensuring we continue to achieve positive outcomes for our community.



# Growing and Thriving Strategy



Melton City Council recently endorsed a strategy that prioritises all abilities and all ages across the City of Melton.

Growing and Thriving is a four-year strategy that will strengthen our planning and service delivery for the whole community. It focuses on three key areas: feeling accepted and included; infrastructure and access, and; spaces, places and involvement.

It allows us to identify and bring together priorities for people living with disability, children, youth, older people and their carers, parents and guardians, and helps us understand what is needed for them to live their best lives.

The strategy will enable us to put an accessibility lens over our new and existing infrastructure and services and provide opportunities for participation for people of all abilities and all ages.



Find out more at [melton.vic.gov.au/allabilitiesallages](https://melton.vic.gov.au/allabilitiesallages)

# Citizenship Ceremonies



**Melton City Council has been busy this year welcoming our newest Australian Citizens.**

In person ceremonies were put on hold during the pandemic so we're thrilled to be able to host these special events again to welcome our newest citizens.

This year, we will have welcomed more than 2,500 new citizens.

This is a record for the number of citizens conferred in any one year for the City of Melton.

Our newest citizens hail from countries including India, Iraq, Philippines and Pakistan.

We warmly welcome all of our new citizens and understand that their unique sets of values, experiences and skills will enrich our community and give us an opportunity to share, learn and grow with one another.

Find out more at [melton.vic.gov.au/citizenship](https://melton.vic.gov.au/citizenship)



## Make the most of your waste entitlements

Residents have the choice of a range of waste service options to suit their needs.

### 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 3m<sup>3</sup> from within your property boundary. Bookings essential. Visit [melton.vic.gov.au/hardwaste](http://melton.vic.gov.au/hardwaste)

#### OR

Two visits to the Melton Recycling Facility with a car or trailer up to 1m<sup>3</sup>.

#### OR

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

Options expire on 30 June 2023. Terms and conditions apply. Visit [melton.vic.gov.au/waste](http://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](http://melton.vic.gov.au/bins)

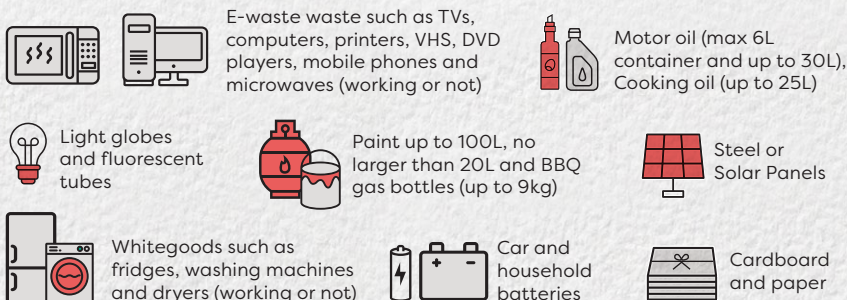
## Free green waste drop-off at Melton Recycling Facility until 31 December

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, from 1 November until 31 December.

Identification, and proof of residency, must be shown on arrival.

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

### Always FREE to dispose for City of 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](http://melton.vic.gov.au/waste) or call 9747 7200

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