

# Waverley Community News

THE LATEST NEWS FOR THE MOUNT WAVERLEY DISTRICT

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## Mid-Term Report

Since being re-elected to office in 2018, the Andrews Government has been hard at work investing in the Mount Waverley District. We haven't wasted a minute!

In this bulletin you'll find information about progress being made on major government infrastructure projects which were promised in the lead up to the 2018 election, such as the Suburban Rail Loop and universal 3-Year old kinder, as well as investments in core areas such as education, housing, jobs, health and more.

You'll also see budget announcements that show the levels of investment projected to be made in the Mount Waverley District for the next financial year and beyond.



Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews with Member for the Mount Waverley District, Matt Fregon MP.

## \$7.99 Million for Glenallen School Masterplan

As part of the biggest ever budget investment to transform Victorian schools, the Victorian Government is providing \$7.99 million to Glenallen School to deliver the next stage of the school's masterplan. Glenallen School strives to be a world's best practice specialist school, providing innovation and excellence in teaching and learning for students who have physical disabilities and/or health impairments.



Teachers and families have done an incredible job in supporting our students, and we want to make Glenallen and the school community stronger than ever.

Across the state, a further \$1.6 billion will transform how we support students with disability and their families, doubling the number of students receiving extra support in the classroom.

The Andrews Government are proud to be delivering the biggest investment in inclusive education in our State's history.

## \$7.157 Million STEAM Centre for Mount Waverley Secondary College

Back in November 2020, Matt Fregon MP had the pleasure of meeting with Mount Waverley Secondary College Principal Karen Wade and Middle School Principal Ian MacLeod to announce a further \$7.157 million to upgrade and modernise the school - including Block A and the construction of a new STEAM Centre.



Matt Fregon MP with MWSC Principal Karen Wade and Middle School Principal Ian MacLeod

In May, funding was announced to create plans for a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and maths) Centre at Mount Waverley Secondary College, moving this project one step closer to completion. Building works are anticipated to commence in 2021.

Mount Waverley families and educators have done an incredible job in supporting students to learn from home. As kids get back into the classroom, the Andrews Government want to make sure they have the fantastic modern learning spaces they deserve.

## Brentwood Secondary College New VCE Centre

We're building a new VCE centre to provide students with state-of-the-art facilities, thanks to funding the school received last year from the Andrews Government.



The centre will include two classrooms, a conference room and staff facilities, along with a library, kitchenette and common areas for senior students.

It is everything our local students and hardworking teachers and education support staff deserve.



**\$4.6 MILLION VCE CENTRE  
BRENTWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE**

## ELECTION COMMITMENTS AND FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE MOUNT WAVERLEY DISTRICT.

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## TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

## Major Rail Project: Suburban Rail Loop



This is the biggest infrastructure project in Victoria's history, and it will play a huge role in getting our state back on track.

Delivering a world-class public transport system – and creating tens of thousands of jobs for Victorians.

The 90-kilometre Suburban Rail Loop will link every major rail line from the Frankston line to the Werribee line, via the airport, better connecting Victorians to jobs, retail, education, health services and each other.

Victorians could not have been clearer about Suburban Rail Loop – they want us to get on and deliver the biggest rail project in our state's history and we're not wasting a moment.

Every Victorian has an important part to play in the development and delivery of the project. An interactive mapping tool and survey remains open.

Victorians are encouraged to have their say at: [www.suburbanrailloop.vic.gov.au/Have-Your-Say](http://www.suburbanrailloop.vic.gov.au/Have-Your-Say)

## New Suburban Rail Station for Glen Waverley

A new Suburban Rail Loop station central to the Glen Waverley activity centre is among six proposed new stations identified in Melbourne's east, as part of the advanced stages of planning for Stage One.

The station site, located to the west of Springvale Road, will slash travel times for locals and connect passengers to the heart of the vibrant shopping and hospitality precinct.

It will be a major interchange for people heading to Monash, Deakin and La Trobe University, and will have a direct connection to the existing station which will also be upgraded.

The other preferred station sites are situated adjacent to Monash and to Deakin universities, central to Box Hill activity centre and one nearby Southland Shopping

Centre underneath Sir William Fry Reserve. A transport super-hub north of Carinish Road, Clayton, will connect regional passengers to the loop.

Suburban Rail Loop is the biggest rail project ever built in this state and will change the way we travel around the city – forever. It will provide 800 direct jobs during early works and up to 20,000 jobs during construction – including a foot in the door for 2,000 apprentices, trainees and cadets.

Mount Waverley District's Matt Fregon said, "It's exciting to see the visionary Suburban Rail Loop project taking shape - the new Glen Waverley station is positioned in the heart of our bustling shopping, cafe and business centre, which will boost local economic activity and create more jobs."

## Airport Rail Project

Work is underway to find out what Victorians want from the first ever train between Melbourne and Tullamarine Airport as the Andrews Government continues to plan for the Melbourne Airport Rail project.

Melbourne Airport Rail will connect seamlessly into the existing regional and metropolitan network, significantly reducing travel times from the Mount Waverley District to the airport.

Now that the route between Sunshine and the CBD has been confirmed, we're launching the next round of community engagement on Airport Rail.

Community feedback will play a vital role in shaping and influencing key elements of the project that will deliver trains travelling every 10 minutes between a new station at the airport and the heart of Melbourne's CBD in less than 30 minutes via Sunshine and the Metro Tunnel.

An online interactive information portal provides key information on the project's benefits, timelines and routes. The online survey is now open and will assist the project team in understanding the community's views and needs as the project progresses.

To complete the Melbourne Airport Rail Survey and to sign up for email updates, visit: [www.airportrail.vic.gov.au](http://www.airportrail.vic.gov.au)



Union Road level crossing

## Level Crossing Removals

Coming to office in 2014, the Andrews Government announced it would remove 50 of the most dangerous and congested level crossings in the state, with 20 of those crossings removed in the first term of Government.

We then announced that a further 25 level crossings will be removed by 2025 in addition to the 50 already planned bringing the total number of level crossings to be removed to 75.

To date, 45 (at time of printing) level crossings are gone for good, with 46 brand new and upgraded stations being delivered and creating thousands of jobs in the process.

7 level crossings have been removed or are planned to be removed in our local areas, their locations are:

<b>Union Road, Surrey Hills</b> Level crossing removal, construction of a new consolidated premium station at Surrey Hills. Geotechnical works have commenced.
<b>Mont Albert Road, Mont Albert</b> Level crossing removal, construction of a new consolidated premium station at Surrey Hills. Geotechnical works have commenced.
<b>Blackburn Road, Blackburn</b> Level crossing gone, station enhancements. New walking/cycling paths delivered between Blackburn and Nunawading and better pedestrian paths. Works Completed in 2018.
<b>Heatherdale Road, Mitcham</b> Level crossing gone, new station, Box Hill to Ringwood cycling trail, plus 'kiss and go' drop off point. Works Completed in 2018
<b>Manchester Road, Mooroolbark</b> Level crossing removal, new station, multi deck car park at Mooroolbark doubling car parking capacity up to 900 spaces. Works commenced in late 2020.
<b>Mountain Highway, Bayswater</b> Level crossing gone, new station and precinct, better walking and cycling paths, public artwork installation by indigenous artists and students from Bayswater Secondary College. Works Completed in 2017.
<b>Scoresby Road, Bayswater</b> Level crossing gone, new station and precinct, better walking and cycling paths, public artwork installation by indigenous artists and students from Bayswater Secondary College. Works Completed in 2017.

To find out more about the program of works being undertaken by the Level Crossing Removal Authority, visit: <https://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/>

## ELECTION COMMITMENTS AND FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE MOUNT WAVERLEY DISTRICT.

## LOCAL BUSINESS

## Small Business Assistance

## Waivers and deferrals

The Victorian Government is providing \$3 billion in cash grants, tax relief and cashflow support to Victorian businesses that have been most affected by coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions. As well as providing \$1.8 million in tax and cashflow support.

- \$1.7 billion to defer payroll tax for businesses with payrolls up to \$10 million for the full 2020-21 financial year.
- \$33 million to defer the planned increase in the landfill levy for six months.
- \$30 million to waive 25% of the Congestion Levy this year, with the outstanding balance deferred.
- \$27 million in liquor license fee waivers for 2021.
- \$6 million to waive Vacant Residential Land Tax for vacancies in 2020.

For more information and eligibility criteria, visit: [www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business](http://www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business)

## Outdoor Dining to Transform Mount Waverley District

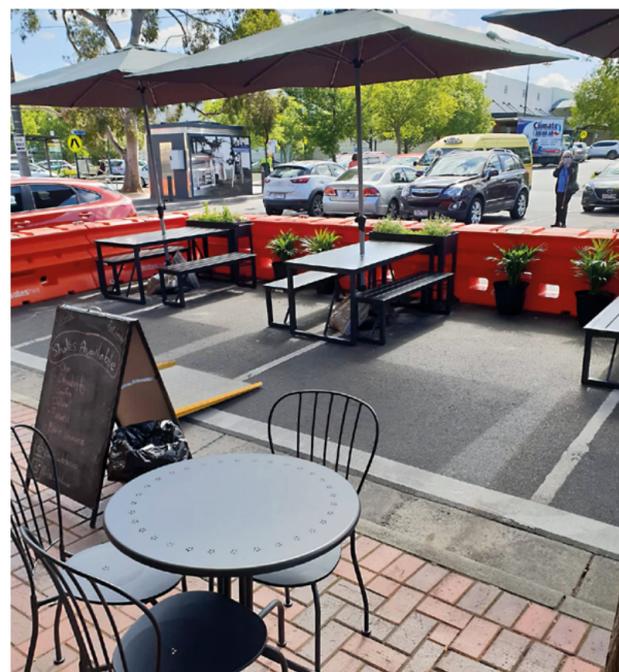


Outdoor dining in the Kingsway precinct

In a move that is set to transform Melbourne's hospitality sector, the Victorian Government and Monash City Council will support local businesses to expand their outdoor trading onto footpaths, carparks, streets and laneways.

Back in December Matt Fregon MP met with Minister for Local Government Shaun Leane MP and Mayor of Monash Councillor Brian Little to see just how the Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Package funding had been utilised on Kingsway.

\$5,000 Outdoor Eating and Entertainment grants have helped businesses to adapt their operations to outdoor dining. Funds can be used to pay for practical things like umbrellas, outdoor furniture, screens and other equipment. Recipients can also use the grants for training, marketing and other costs of adapting new, expanded or enhanced outdoor dining.



Hamilton Place outdoor dining space



Minister for Innovation, Medical Research and the Digital Economy Jaala Pulford MP & Matt Fregon MP with the Burdens Plumbtec Team

## Small Business Grants Digital Adaptation Program

The Small Business Digital Adaptation Program will help businesses to embed the use of practical digital tools that support their trading model and performance.

Through the program, businesses can register to trial selected digital business management tools to adapt websites, transition to e-commerce and manage finances, from suppliers who have partnered with the Victorian Government.

After the trial period, registered businesses can purchase a product they have trialed and apply for a rebate of \$1,200 to access that product for 12 months.

The program also offers free digital adaptation training and workshops to help registered businesses adopt and implement digital tools in their business.

Registrations will remain open until funds are exhausted or until 11.59pm on 30 June 2021, whichever is earlier.

For more information visit: <https://www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business/grants-and-assistance/business-resilience-package>



Kingsway shopping precinct

## Grants, Vouchers &amp; Support Vic Regional Travel Vouchers

The Regional Travel Voucher Scheme will provide eligible Victorians an incentive to explore the state.

Vouchers will be offered to Mount Waverley District residents to contribute to the costs of accommodation, tourism attractions or tours undertaken in regional Victoria, the Yarra and Dandenong Ranges and the Mornington Peninsula.

Mount Waverley District residents who receive a voucher and spend at least \$400 on accommodation, experiences, tours or attractions during their stay will be eligible to receive a reimbursement of \$200 on presentation of receipts.

The first and second round of vouchers were extremely popular. An additional 40,000 vouchers will become available on 30 March for travel between 6 April and 31 May.

The voucher scheme is open to Victorian residents aged 18 or over when they spend a minimum \$400 on accommodation, experiences or tours in regional Victoria in specified periods.

Mount Waverley District residents will register through the Business Victoria website and if successful, be provided with a link to redeem the voucher after their travel is completed. Vouchers will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

**To apply for the voucher scheme, visit [business.vic.gov.au/travelvouchers](http://business.vic.gov.au/travelvouchers)**

The next round of vouchers will be made available on 30 March 2021 from 10am.

"This year more than ever, Victorians deserve a holiday – these vouchers will make that cheaper and easier for families to get out and support their state," Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events, Martin Pakula MP.

## ELECTION COMMITMENTS AND FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE MOUNT WAVERLEY DISTRICT.

## EDUCATION

## The Andrews Government will Deliver Free Kinder for 2021!

The Victorian Budget 2020/2021 will deliver up to \$169.6 million to make kinder free next year, saving families around \$2,000 for every child enrolled in a participating funded kinder program. This investment will not only make sure more kids can access a great early childhood education, it will make it easier for parents – particularly women – to return to the workforce as we recover from the pandemic.

Families with children enrolled in kinder programs at a long day care centre will also benefit from a saving of around \$2,000 in fees. And for those families that have kids attending unfunded three-year-old programs in sessional kindergartens, there will also be reduced fees. This is a smart investment. Not only will free kinder save families thousands of dollars – it'll get more kids into kinder, back early childhood services and workers, and help support more parents, especially women, into the workforce.

During 2019 and 2020 a number of preschools in the Mount Waverley District shared in a range of funding initiatives. Grants for playgroup funding, shade grants, facilities and equipment upgrades, information technology grants, minor infrastructure refurbishments and building improvement funding were made available for kinders to do more for our littlest Victorians.



Storytime with the children at Highmount Preschool Mount Waverley

## Mount Waverley District Schools Benefit from \$2.7b Building Works Package



Minister for Education, James Merlino and Matt Fregon MP tour Brentwood Secondary College with Principal John Ballagh

Delivering \$2.7 billion in shovel ready projects, the package includes a \$1.18 billion education building program that will build new schools, deliver and refurbish relocatable classrooms and make schools more accessible for students and staff with disabilities.

This \$1.18 billion education building program is in addition to the \$6.1 billion invested by the Andrews Government on delivering school upgrades since 2014, supporting more than 7,500 construction jobs for Victorians. This project created space for more than 21,000 extra students in Victoria's education system and created more than 1,600 local construction jobs in communities across Victoria.

Government Schools in the Mount Waverley District shared in \$1,826,628 funding from the blitz and included the following schools – Mount Waverley Primary School, Pinewood Primary School, Essex Heights Primary School, Mount View Primary School, Syndal South Primary School, Glenallen School, Glendal Primary School, Glen Waverley Primary School, Mount Waverley North Primary School, Glen Waverley South Primary School, Brentwood Secondary College, Mount Waverley Secondary College and Glen Waverley Secondary College.

## Architects Appointed to Design New Outdoor Play Areas for Local Schools

In April 2020, architects were appointed to help design new outdoor play areas for the following school:

- Mount Waverley North Primary School - Outdoor covered play space - First half on 2021.

This \$200,000 Inclusive Schools Fund project is part of the Andrews Government's commitment to inclusive education, aimed at ensuring that students with abilities and additional needs get the same opportunities as other students.

Inclusive education is about recognising that all students, regardless of disabilities or other differences, can fully participate, learn, develop and succeed in Victorian government schools.

Since the Fund was established by the Andrews Government in 2015, more than 232 creative projects to build inclusive learning spaces, outdoor sensory areas and accessible playgrounds have been delivered.



Mount Waverley North Primary School - outdoor play space

## Glenallen Christmas &amp; Birthday Cards

We were lucky enough to have the creative students from Glenallen School assist us again last year in producing original artwork for our 2020 Christmas and December milestone birthday cards. Glenallen is an incredible school that caters for students with physical disabilities and severe health impairments while providing learning programs for students with a broad range of intellectual abilities.

Under the guidance of Principal Michael Cole and Glenallen art teacher Debbie Buzza, students Shipi, Leilani, Mya, Sunny, Peter and Matthew created 6 unique designs using a variety of mediums.

Each child was presented with a collection of their printed cards, and we look forward to working with Glenallen in 2021 on future creative projects.



Matt Fregon MP with student Matthew Lim and Glenallen Principal Michael Cole

## Funding Boost for TAFE

Premier Dan Andrews, Deputy Premier James Merlino and Skills Minister for Training and Skills Gayle Tierney announced the \$260.8 million package, which includes a \$191.9 million guarantee to lock in funding at expected pre-COVID-19 levels and an additional \$68.9 million in crisis support to ensure Victoria's public training system can respond and recover from the coronavirus pandemic.

Like universities and other higher-education providers, the economic impacts of coronavirus have hit the training sector hard. International students are no longer able to enter the country and many other students can't pay their fees. The funding will help our TAFEs and training providers transition to delivering more online and remote learning, keep staff on, and continue teaching skills that will be critical in the fight against coronavirus.

Free TAFE is already providing a pipeline of nurses and other essential health care workers. Through the Working for Victoria program more than 685 people have already completed free short courses in food hygiene and cleaning, with more courses in fields like infection control and first aid now available online.

This funding builds on the Andrews Government's \$1.7 billion economic survival and jobs package – which has already provided more than \$400 million in payroll tax refunds, \$65 million in business support grants and found new jobs for more than 1,500 people through Working for Victoria.

For further information please visit: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/tafe-students-funding-and-support>

## ELECTION COMMITMENTS AND FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE MOUNT WAVERLEY DISTRICT.

## LOCAL EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \$4.43 MILLION SYNDAL SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL UPGRADE

Students at Syndal South Primary School will benefit from \$4.43 million to upgrade and modernise the school, including Block A.



Prior to the 2018 election, Matt Fregon MP spoke with Principal Helen Freeman about what work needed to be done. It was apparent that their main building had not seen a great deal of love since some time in the 1960s. The \$4.43 million investment to upgrade this building will be a welcome addition to the Syndal South campus.

## AVILA COLLEGE SENIOR LEARNING CENTRE



Avila College has been awarded a \$2 million Non-Government Schools Capital Fund Grant towards their major building project, The Ballygriffin Senior Learning Centre.

"Ballygriffin" will deliver a critical, contemporary learning environment for Avila students which is innovative, environmentally sensitive in design and technology enabled.

It's part of the Government's commitment to establish a \$402 million fund in partnership with the non-government school sector to upgrade and build new non-government schools across Victoria.

## Norm Gibbs Community Leadership Awards 2020

2020 marks the second year we have presented the now annual Norm Gibbs Community Leadership Award to standout, community minded Year 6 and Year 12 students within the Mount Waverley District.

Norm Gibbs is a much respected and loved member of the Mount Waverley District and is the perfect example of someone who is always looking for ways to give back to his local community.

Norm is now 93 years old and has been recognised for his unwavering community service with numerous accolades, including the Sir John Monash Community Leadership Award, and an Order of Australia Medal. He has also had the honour of carrying the Olympic torch.

In honour of a great local leader, every school in the Mount Waverley District is offered a leadership award to be presented to a deserving Year 6 student and/or Year 12 student. Each student receives a book voucher, certificate and individual trophy.

Amongst our Mount Waverley District students, we continue to see so many who embody the same unique qualities as Norm Gibbs – someone who is always looking for ways to give back, big or small. This award is designed not to focus primarily on academics or grades and looks to reward special young people who may otherwise fly under the radar. Those students that contribute in ways that are not ordinarily recognised. A student who gives back to their community, displays kindness and empathy to others or who leads by positive example epitomises what this award is all about.



Matt Fregon MP with Essex Heights Primary School Year 6 student, Caitlin Dow

## Congratulations to 2020's award winners:

Beatrice van Rest - Avila College  
Mason Khoo - Glen Waverley Secondary College  
Amit Kafe - Mount Waverley Secondary College  
Shreeya Kalagotta - Brentwood Secondary College  
Grace Lambrick & Matthew Lim - Glenallen School  
Rynie Thaninghe - Mount Waverley North Primary School  
Caitlin Dow - Essex Heights Primary School  
Charlize Chen - Syndal South Primary School  
Garvit Sharma - Glendal Primary School

## Mental Health Support for Victorian Government Secondary School Students

In recognition of the increased mental health challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic, the roll-out of our Mental Health Practitioners in secondary schools initiative has been brought forward to be implemented by the end of 2021.

Locally this means the following schools in the Mount Waverley District will receive funding – Mount Waverley Secondary College, Brentwood Secondary College and Glen Waverley Secondary College.

The \$51.2 million initiative, which began in July last year, provides funding to schools to recruit a mental health practitioner. It will see qualified mental health professionals in every government secondary school campus across the state, including psychologists, social workers, occupational therapists and mental health nurses.

All government secondary schools will receive between one and five days a week of support from a mental health practitioner depending on its size and requirements.

Mental health practitioners offer counselling and early intervention

services, and act as coordinating support for students with complex needs, linking them with broader allied community and health services.

All Victorian government school students, whether they are learning remotely or attending school on-site, have been able to access mental health and wellbeing support during the pandemic.

Secondary school students can access counselling via a voice call or video conference through the headspace counselling partnership or via their school-based mental health practitioner.

This builds on the \$65.5 million investment in student health and wellbeing initiatives in schools, including the Victorian Anti-Bullying and Mental Health Initiative, the School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support program, as well as increased investment in allied health and nursing services.

The initiative is being implemented via an area-based rollout. For more information on Mental Health Practitioners in government secondary schools, please visit: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/health/mentalhealth/Pages/mental-health-practitioners-secondary.aspx>

## \$200 Get Active Kids Sports Voucher Program

Victorian kids will have more opportunities to play sports with their teammates and friends as part of a \$45.2 million funding boost to get kids moving and help families with the costs of community sport.

The \$21 million Get Active Kids Voucher Program is a Victorian first and will support children to get involved in organised activities by providing \$200 vouchers to help families with the cost of sports equipment, uniforms or memberships. Children must be aged 4 to 18 and named on a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and Medicare card to be eligible for the program. Special consideration may also be considered for those experiencing financial hardship as a result of an unforeseen situation. For more information and to apply online, visit: <https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/>.

## \$250 Power Saving Bonus - Apply NOW

Pensioner concession cardholders and some health care cardholders can now apply for a one-off \$250 Power Saving Bonus. This Bonus is available to all eligible households to help those who have been hit the hardest to pay their energy bills.

It will be available for 12 months and provide immediate financial relief to more than 900,000 eligible Victorian households.

You can access the power savings bonus in two ways: You can apply online at <https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au/>, or if you would like assistance in claiming the bonus, please contact Matt Fregon MP's electorate office on 9561 0511 to register your interest.

## ELECTION COMMITMENTS AND FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE MOUNT WAVERLEY DISTRICT.

## ENVIRONMENT



## Victoria's Renewable Energy Target – 50% by 2030

In August 2019 the Andrews Government introduced a Bill into parliament to legislate increasing Victoria's Renewable Energy Target (VRET) to 50 per cent by 2030 – as promised at the 2018 State election. We've met our 2020 target and are on track for 50% by 2030.

The Renewable Energy (Jobs and Investment) Amendment Bill 2019 builds on the Government's VRET legislation, which will ensure 25 per cent of our electricity generation comes from renewable sources by 2020, and 40 per cent by 2025.

A strong renewable energy target boosts the pipeline of renewable projects and encourages businesses to invest in the local supply chain, boosting employment – particularly in regional Victoria.

An increased VRET will create around 24,000 jobs by 2030, driving an additional \$5.8 billion in economic activity in Victoria, push down the cost of power and will reduce emissions – the equivalent of taking 655,000 cars off the road for a year.

## Container Deposit Scheme

The Andrews Government is introducing a container deposit scheme (CDS) to increase beverage container recycling and reduce litter in Victoria. The scheme is due to commence in 2022/2023.



A container deposit scheme works by applying a small deposit to beverages sold to consumers which covers the cost of recycling. When the empty beverage containers – such as those in plastic, glass bottles and aluminium cans, are returned to a refund collection point, a cash refund can be collected for each container returned.

The benefits of improving our rubbish and recycling systems are immense. We can reduce waste and litter by increasing recycling of plastic, aluminium and glass drink containers. This will provide more money for councils to spend on the community rather than on cleaning-up and improve resource recovery and reducing the use of virgin materials, resulting in a cleaner and healthier environment.

Hundreds of new jobs will also be created via the establishment of new collection points throughout the state, jobs in recycling, re-processing and re-manufacturing as well as transport and logistics and support services like technology, community education, auditing and reporting.

The CDS will also provide for a new way for individuals, charities and community groups to raise money.

To follow the progress on our container deposit scheme, visit <https://www.vic.gov.au/container-deposit-scheme>

## Scotchmans Creek Trail

Monash Council has compulsorily acquired part of a parcel of land (2,720m<sup>2</sup>) that abuts Scotchmans Creek in Mount Waverley to preserve it as open space and to ensure the continuation of a section of the Scotchmans Creek Trail.

A trail currently runs alongside the fence line of properties that back on to the parcel of land for sale. Council is planning to relocate the path from its current location to move it closer to the creek to sit on the land that has been acquired. Design work is commencing for the path relocation with construction planned for next year.

Monash City Councillor Stuart James said the existing concrete path was constructed by Council many years ago and it is a popular path for biking and walking.

"When we became aware of the sale of the land, Council acted quickly as we believe it is important that this path and access from Waverley Road to Forster Road is maintained for public use," Cr James said.



Acquiring part of the land and moving the trail so that it runs alongside the beautiful natural environment of Scotchmans Creek will not only ensure people can continue to use this pathway for leisure, but also opens the trail up to connect more with the creek environment.

Works have also been completed on an important bike path link that will better connect riders to Monash University. The project along Forster Road, Mount Waverley, takes riders from the Scotchmans Creek Trail across to Ferntree Gully Road where they will join a recently completed off-road path into the university campus. Two new signalled crossings have also been built as part of the project – at the trail on Forster Road, and at Monash Freeway to Forster Road entry ramp towards Ferntree Gully Road.

## Jells Park Safe Trail Redevelopment



This year we've come to appreciate our local parks and playgrounds more than ever. As Victorians spend more time outdoors with the people they love, the Victorian State Budget invests in our community spaces including \$5.9 million for Jells Park in Wheelers Hill.

This investment will deliver a 5km long Tan-style running track, where existing trails will be sealed and upgraded. Lighting will be installed so that the track is safe to use at night, in addition to new drinking fountains at each kilometre mark and seating.

## Glendal Waste Warriors

The Year 6 students at Glendal Primary School have been spreading an important message about reducing waste within their school community and the importance of incorporating sustainable practices into our daily lives.

The students presented their innovative Waste Warrior message to Matt Fregon MP, highlighting their need for green waste bins at their school.



## ELECTION COMMITMENTS AND FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE MOUNT WAVERLEY DISTRICT.

## LOCAL COMMUNITIES

## Mount Waverley Reserve Masterplan

The Andrews Government has fulfilled its election commitment by providing \$150,000 to fund the masterplan for the redevelopment of the Mount Waverley Reserve.

This will benefit greatly the three clubs who play on this reserve, the Waverley Blues Football and Netball Club, Mount Waverley Cricket Club, and Mount Waverley Tennis Club. Each club has seen continued growth in participation, and it is time our facilities reflected this community engagement enabling our clubs to service the demand.

Monash Council are consulting our local community to develop a masterplan for Mount Waverley Reserve. The development of the masterplan is funded by Sport and Recreation Victoria.

The project will entail extensive consultation with a wide range of stakeholders, local residents and the broader community, together with the development of a reserve masterplan that will support active recreation and the development and delivery of local sport.

## Mount Waverley Cricket Club

Despite a late start to the cricket season, Mount Waverley Cricket Club has experienced another big start to the summer. There are now 33 teams and over 350 active players and participants.

The senior program has five men's teams playing in the Victorian Sub-District Cricket Association and Cricket Bayside, as well as two veteran's teams playing in the Eastern Cricket Association.

The junior program has 21 junior boys' teams playing in the Inner Souter-East Cricket association and now four junior girls' teams, including the first ever junior girls team playing on turf at their home ground at Mount Waverley Reserve.

The Club was proud to have Matt Fregon MP at the launch of the new girls' team earlier in the season – an important moment for the Club and the growth of girl's cricket in the area. The girls' program is expected to expand further in 2021, with up to 2-3 further teams next season.

The introductory Cricket Blast program for 5–10-year old's kicks off in late January. Which has already had great interest. If you would like your child to join, please get in touch – all details can be found on the club's website - MWCC Cricket Blast 2021.

With an already big and growing Club, the MWCC are looking to improve their facilities and are excited that Matt Fregon has helped secure \$150,000 from the State Government to conduct a Master Plan for the redevelopment of Mount Waverley Reserve. This plan will provide for community facilities that will support the growth of the Club, as well as co-tenants the Waverley Blues and Mount Waverley Tennis Club. It will also serve the broader community for decades to come.

If you would like to join or assist the Mount Waverley Cricket Club, please contact: [mtwaverley@club.cricketvictoria.com.au](mailto:mtwaverley@club.cricketvictoria.com.au)



## Monash Tennis Centre

Glendal Waverley will be the home of Victoria's newest tennis precinct in a major coup for the local area thanks to a \$21 million investment by the Andrews Government.

The new tennis centre is expected to open in mid-2023 and will be a new home for tournament tennis with thousands of players expected to use the centre.

The location provides the opportunity to include other activities including a community plaza, mini-golf course and new practice facilities. Monash City Council will soon start on plans for an initial design.

This is a big win for locals - to have a state-of-the-art tennis centre built in the Mount Waverley District.

The new Monash Tennis Centre will not only cater for growth in the area, but will also see our next generation of tennis stars kick start their careers.

## Farewell Anne Hamilton - Pinewood Primary School Crossing Supervisor

Back in December, Pinewood Primary School farewelled much loved Crossing Supervisor, Anne Hamilton. For the past 36 years, Anne has been a well-known fixture at Pinewood Primary School, working tirelessly as a 'lollipop lady' to help young students and families safely cross the road on a daily basis.

Year 6 school captains Amaya Gunawardane and Troy Woolley spoke heartily about Anne and how her smile and kind words always brighten their day. Anne knows all the children by name and has been that consistent, familiar, smiling face there to greet students rain, hail or shine. She has also volunteered her time in the school canteen and as a parent reader in the classroom.

Anne epitomises our Aussie community spirit. As she hangs up her hi-vis jacket after nearly four decades of service, on behalf of the Mount Waverley District, thank-you Anne for your unwavering dedication to the community and kindness and care shown to all.

Best wishes Anne for a well-earned retirement!



Matt Fregon MP with Monash Councillor Brian Little and Anne Hamilton.

## Waverley Ambulance Branch

Completed back in mid 2020 as part of the Andrews Government's record \$1 billion investment to deliver more paramedics, more vehicles and more stations. The new Waverley Ambulance Station located at 245 Waverley Road Mount Waverley, features state-of-the-art training facilities, rest and recline areas for our hard-working paramedics and a four-bay garage.



As we all know, in an emergency our paramedics provide world-class care to the people of Victoria. But in order to provide the best care, they need a high-quality workplace and the right equipment.

This state-of-the-art ambulance facility will make a huge difference for our local paramedics, who were previously operating out of Oakleigh South station. It also gives our community peace of mind, knowing that if and when an emergency strikes, help will now be just around the corner.

## New Ambulance Stations

The Andrews Government has committed \$181.8 million since 2015 to the Ambulance Victoria development program.

This program aims to upgrade and rebuild ambulance stations to provide better working conditions for paramedics and ensure lifesaving emergency care is available for all Victorians.

We know that Victorians rely on the expertise, compassion and commitment of our paramedics. We also know that paramedics need modern workplaces and the latest equipment to stay safe at work and deliver the best care.

That's why we're upgrading and building new ambulance stations across Victoria. Modern, advanced and well-located ambulance stations mean Victorians can receive the best lifesaving emergency care, now – and into the future.



## ELECTION COMMITMENTS AND FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE MOUNT WAVERLEY DISTRICT.

## LOCAL COMMUNITIES

## Local Communities – Sporting and Multicultural Groups

Like so many cultural events and festivals last year, we had to stay apart to stay safe. However, this did not stop our vibrant multicultural groups within the Mount Waverley District from celebrating important events within the community, albeit a little differently.

What we have seen is a real resilience and creativity by these organisations to adapt and think outside the box. These organisations have delivered their events and festivals using non-traditional mediums and have fully embraced the challenge to go digital.

Our district, as part of the City of Monash, is one of the most culturally diverse cities in Australia with 45% of residents born overseas, well above the Greater Melbourne average. We have seen a large increase in migrants to Monash since 2006 with almost 10,000 new migrants to our city.

As such a diverse multicultural community, it has been vital that we provide tangible support to these organisations so that they can continue to celebrate and commemorate important cultural events, allowing members to remain connected while unable to congregate in traditional gathering locations.

With \$800,000 pledged to support community organisations across Victoria

assisting to deliver multicultural festivals and events in a digital format, this has encouraged our community groups and organisations to get creative, build their long-term digital capacity and move their events online.

A number of organisations within the MWD were successful in receiving funding as part of the Government's Multicultural Festivals and Events program including: Hindi Niketan, Polish Cinema in Australia, Rajasthani Kutumb of Victoria Inc, Australian Indian Seniors Association and The Sangam Kala Group Australia.

Our multicultural senior's organisations, like the Monash Senior Chinese Volunteer Service Centre will also be directly supported with grants made available from \$2.1 million in dedicated funding through the Coronavirus Support for Multicultural Senior's program.

This pandemic has presented multicultural Victorians with disproportionate challenges. In a time when human connection and a sense of community and belonging is so vital, it is essential that we continue to find creative and innovative ways to support and celebrate our rich cultural diversity, not just within the Mount Waverley District, but across Victoria.

## Year of the Ox



Celebrated by about 1.5 million people around the world, this year's Lunar New Year fell on February 12th. This year we welcomed the Year of the Ox. It is believed that the ox denotes hard work, positivity and honesty, which will be manifested in all of us throughout this year.

The beloved Glen Waverley Chinese New Year and Lantern Festival went online on February 19th.

May you and your family enjoy good health, good luck and prosperity in the Year of the Ox.



Glen Waverley Chinese New Year and Lantern Festival and Celebration, February 2019

If there was **JUST ONE THING** you could change about the Mount Waverley District, what would it be?

What are **your** ideas to improve our local community?

Please send through your **suggestions** and you too can **make a real difference.**

## Mount Waverley District 2-Minute Trivia

How well do you know your neighbourhood?

1. Where is the location of our new Suburban Rail Loop Station?
2. What sporting code is our local Glen Waverley Hawks team?
3. What is the name of our local council?
4. Black Flat is the former name of which suburb in our District?
5. Glen Waverley was the first Victorian site for this well-known takeaway restaurant?
6. Glen Waverley served as the fictional suburb of which 1988 ABC children's television series?
7. The Monash Freeway was previously known as what road link?

ANSWERS: 1. Glen Waverley, 2. Football, 3. Monash, 4. Glen Waverley, 5. McDonalds, 6. The Barmans, 7. The South Eastern Arterial.

If we can assist you with State Government or community matters, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

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