

Summer Safety

Council cares about the wellbeing of our residents, particularly during high risk periods like the summer holidays and over the festive season. We want everyone to stay safe, so we've put together some information that will help keep you and your family safe and sound over the coming months.

SNAKES

Be on the lookout for snakes particularly on footpaths, driveways and areas around creeks, bush and wetlands. If you see a snake, keep calm and move away. Never touch or attempt to capture snakes.

Council offers a free snake removal service. To report a snake, call 9747 7200.

ROAD SAFETY

Driver fatigue and speed are the major causes of accidents over the summer months. So, be careful on the roads and remember the following tips to ensure all have a safe and happy journey:

- Share the driving, especially on long trips.
- Take rest breaks.
- Never drive when you'd normally be sleeping.
- Pull over and have a nap if you're tired or drowsy.
- Don't drink alcohol or take drugs.
- Don't speed!

FIRE SAFETY

Vacant residential house blocks:

- Slash grass to a maximum of 10cm.
- Remove grass that's against property fence lines.

Rural properties without crops or stock:

- Plough or grade a 5-10 metre bare earth break around the perimeter of the property.
- If your land abuts a residential development, choose one of the following options:
 - Create a 20 metre bare earth break; or
 - Slash a 30-40 metre break along all neighbouring residential fence lines.

Properties near a fence line next to grasslands:

- If you live in an urban area near grasslands, walk at least two streets back if a fire starts.
- If you live two or three streets away from grassland and a grassfire starts, stay where you are. Grassfires are unlikely to spread into built up areas.

To find out more about fire prevention and safety, visit Council's website at melton.vic.gov.au or the CFA website at cfa.vic.gov.au



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



It's an honour to be elected Mayor of our wonderful and vibrant City for the next year, and I thank my fellow Councillors for placing their trust in me.

I look forward to serving my term with a high standard of integrity and transparency and will ensure that Council acts responsibly in meeting the needs of our community.

These are exciting times for our City, and I'm grateful to have the privilege of leading this strong and committed team with clear direction and vision.

We as a Council are determined to work in partnership with our local MPs to advocate on behalf of our community and address any challenges we face. I look forward to the year ahead and getting on with the job.

In closing, I'd like to wish all residents a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.



Cr Lara Carli
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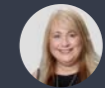


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UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit melton.vic.gov.au/events for a full list of events taking place this summer



Carols by Candlelight

Hannah Watts Park, Melton
Saturday 7 December, 6.30pm–9.30pm
| Live music | Food trucks | Kids' activities |
Special visit from Santa



Australia Day Celebrations

Willows Historical Park, Nixon Street, Melton
Sunday 26 January, 9am–12pm
Welcome to Country | Community Achievement
Awards | flag raising and citizenship ceremonies |
Live entertainment | Aussie foods | Kids' activities
and much more.

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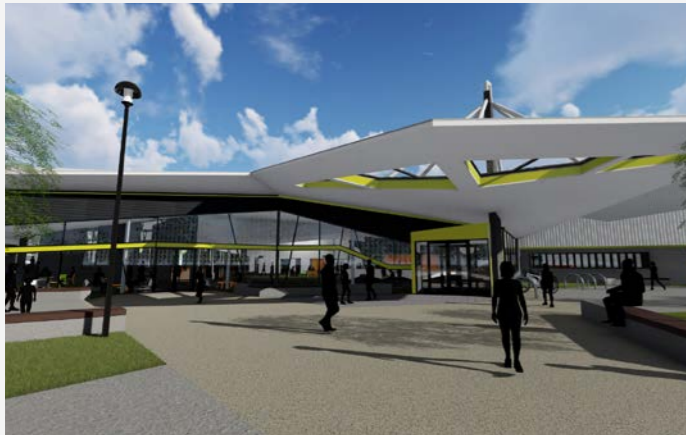
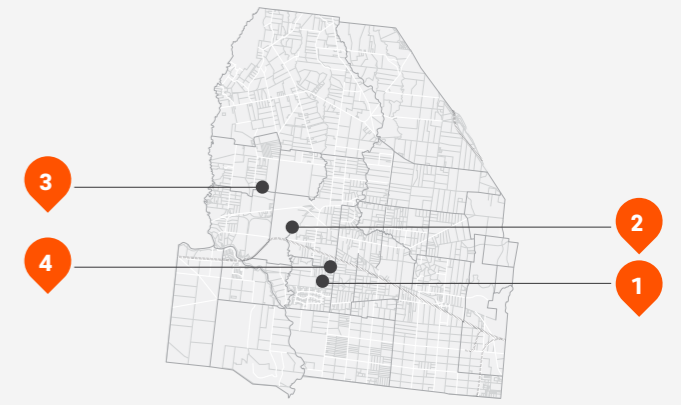
... residents can drop off green waste for free at the Melton Recycling Facility, until 31 December?

Identification and proof of residency, must be shown on arrival. For full conditions call 9747 7200, or visit: melton.vic.gov.au/greenwaste





Major Projects Update



COBBLEBANK STADIUM

1

Planning for the new Cobblebank Stadium is well underway! This multipurpose community facility has been designed to respond to the growing need for additional indoor courts within the City of Melton. It will increase community participation and provide greater access to a range of sports including basketball, netball, badminton, table tennis, volleyball, futsal, school curriculum and community health and wellness programs.

The project will include:

- six indoor high-ball courts (including show court and seating)
- player, referee and public amenities
- administration and reception
- flexible meeting and social spaces
- kiosk and seating areas
- car parking.

The stadium will be located on the corner of Ferris and Bridge Roads, Cobblebank. Construction is expected to commence in March 2020 (approximately) and be completed in late 2021.

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6 high-ball courts

Basketball, netball, badminton and much more!



MELTON CENTRAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Formerly known as the *White House*, the Melton Central Community Centre redevelopment project brings Council and allied community service providers together in a vibrant intercultural learning hub.

This integrated, flexible facility, located in Station Street, Melton, will house multiple community service providers to deliver employment and education services, migrant and refugee settlement support, family violence support, and Neighbourhood House activities and programs.

The old centre was demolished in August, making way for a contemporary facility boasting:

- eight multipurpose, AV-equipped spaces
- a kitchen large enough for demonstrations and classes
- open plan office accommodating up to 20 staff.
- six interview rooms
- interfaith space for reflection and prayer

The new building has been designed in the same style as the Melton Town Centre and Melton Library and Learning Hub, and will include landscaped outdoor 'rooms' to encourage informal learning in a relaxed environment.

The Melton Central Community Centre is jointly funded by Melton City Council and the State Government, which provided \$2 million in funding towards the project through its Growing Suburbs Fund, and will be completed in August 2020.



MARLO DRIVE RECREATION RESERVE, HARKNESS

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Harkness residents get ready to celebrate – the Marlo Drive Recreation Reserve redevelopment is just about complete!

The \$880,000 development was co-funded by Melton City Council and the State Government, through its Growing Suburbs Fund, and the end result is an outstanding space where neighbours can meet, play, and reconnect with nature.

The once tired site has been transformed into an active space where residents can play and enjoy the outdoors with their families and friends. It also encourages people to spend more time outside and will help transform the health and wellbeing of an entire neighbourhood.

The new reserve will open in mid-late December and features a new shelter, BBQ and playground equipment; furniture and exercise equipment, along with landscaping, tree planting and turf—all essential elements that will help improve health, safety and wellbeing outcomes for our residents, and a space where everyone can meet, play, and reconnect with nature.



FERRIS & HOLLINGSWORTH DRIVE SIGNALISED INTERSECTION

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Getting around Cobblebank, Strathulloh and Melton South is about to get much easier, with the new signalised intersection at the corner of Ferris Road and Hollingsworth Drive set to open in early December.

The new intersection has been constructed to support the new Cobblebank Rail Station, set to open on Monday 2 December. The station, delivered as part of the State Government's half-a-billion-dollar Ballarat Line Upgrade, will bring a new train timetable to our City, including two extra peak services each day and new bus services from Cobblebank Station, to the newly rebuilt Rockbank Station and nearby Aintree.

2 Dec
Cobblebank Station opens

New daily bus and train services