

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



What an absolute honour it's been to be elected as Mayor of our great municipality once again. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my Councillor colleagues for entrusting me with this important role, and the community, for choosing me to be their representative for another four years.

Last month, Council received some very exciting news, when the State Government announced \$75 million in funding to purchase land for the Melton Hospital. This project has been Council's top advocacy priority for a number of years, and included a massive advocacy campaign in 2018 where over 20,000 letters of support were received from the community. This resulted in

State funding of \$2.4 million for a business case, and now a commitment to purchase land in Cobblebank. This is a tremendous achievement that really puts our community on the map and illustrates just how important the City of Melton is on a metropolitan, state and national level.

With the festive season now upon us, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas. It's been a truly difficult year, and I look forward to working with our residents and businesses over the next 12 months to find ways to help our City thrive once again.

Cr Kathy Majdlik
Mayor

Meet your Councillors

It's a pleasure to introduce the nine councillors who will represent the City of Melton community for the next four years.

Three new councillors have been elected, so please welcome Cr Moira Deeming, Cr Julie Shannon and Cr Ashleigh Vandenberg to the

City of Melton team. Six councillors have been returned from the previous term, so please welcome back Cr Steve Abboushi, Cr Lara Carli, Cr Goran Kesic, Cr Kathy Majdlik, Cr Sophie Ramsey and Cr Bob Turner.

Cr Kathy Majdlik has been elected Mayor for the next 12 months, and Cr Goran Kesic has been elected Deputy Mayor. Thanks go out to Councillors, Ken Hardy, Michelle Mendes and Yvonne Sebire for their service to the City of Melton community.

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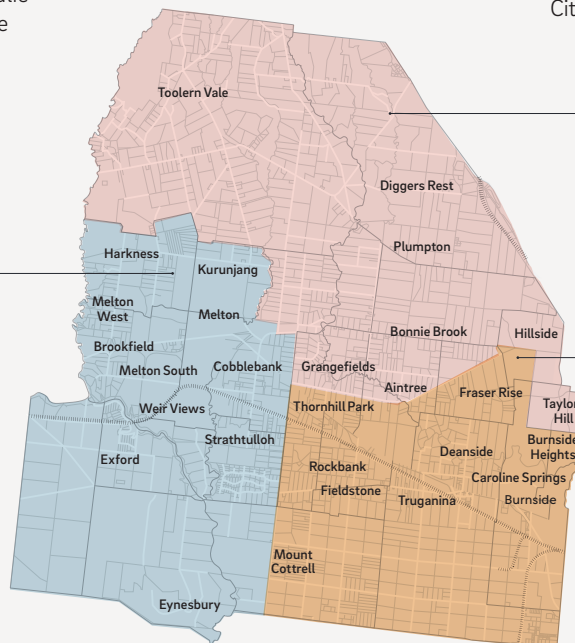
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Melton Hospital next step an exciting

A new Melton Hospital will become a reality following a very welcome \$75 million State Budget announcement in November. The Victorian Government has committed funds to purchase the land and undertake detailed planning and early works for the hospital.

This is fantastic news for our fast-growing community!

Together with our residents, local and regional groups, local State representatives and surrounding municipalities, Council lobbied very hard over a number of years for a much-needed public hospital in Melton, which is not just an investment in good health but also in local jobs and we thank the Victorian Government for recognising that.

An incredible 21,000 people supported our Build Melton Hospital campaign, and outcomes like these are a credit to our whole community.

Locating the hospital within the Cobblebank Metropolitan Activity Centre will trigger further investment and help transform the City of Melton into an economic centre of state-wide importance.

Major Projects Update

For updates on more local infrastructure projects, visit melton.vic.gov.au/majorprojects



EYNESBURY RECREATION RESERVE STAGE 1B

Eynesbury Recreation Reserve is making great progress! Stage 1B works are on track for completion by July 2021. Here, you can see the pavilion slab is down, steel structure complete and roof up. Meanwhile, all lights have been installed, rough-ins for services are underway as are hard courts and concrete paths.

Once complete, this stage of works will deliver a pavilion with social room, kitchen, change rooms and umpires' room, together with the hard courts, sports lighting, cricket nets and a playspace.

The development will provide a much-needed training and competition space for local sporting clubs, and is just one of the projects being undertaken in the area, including Eynesbury Station Early Learning Centre, located next to the new primary school.

We're proud to be delivering this project in partnership with the Australian Government through its Building Better Regions Fund, the Victorian Government through its Growing Suburbs Fund, and AFL Victoria.



ting State Budget win



Last September, a landmark report revealed that a future Melton Hospital would play a significant role in addressing COVID-19-related job losses and an existing jobs shortage in the City of Melton.

The *Investing in a New Hospital for Melton* report, undertaken by leading economist, Professor Rodney Maddock for WoMEDA (West of Melbourne

Economic Development Alliance), found the hospital would add \$300 million to the region's economy annually and create 3,825 ongoing jobs and 375 construction jobs.

The Victorian Government's business case into the Melton Hospital will be released by the end of the year and will guide planning of the facility. The next steps will include the government

acquiring the land and allocating significant funds to construct the facility.

We look forward to construction starting in 2022 which will hopefully see the hospital operational by 2026.



COBBLEBANK STADIUM

The new stadium, located on the corner of Ferris and Bridge Roads, is really taking shape. Installation of structural steel is almost complete and all precast panels are in place, with roofing and façade works also well underway.

Once complete, the stadium will house six courts for basketball, netball, volleyball, badminton, table tennis, futsal and community programs.

At \$31 million, this facility ranks as Council's highest-value project to date, and while COVID-19 has impacted available workforce numbers on the project, we're pleased to say we're still on target for completion in late 2021.



MELTON CENTRAL

As you drive south along Station Road from High Street, it's hard to miss the striking structure of the newly redeveloped Melton Central Community Centre (MCCC). Formerly known as the White House, the MCCC is ready to bring Council and allied community service providers together to deliver employment and education services, migrant and refugee settlement support, family violence support programs and Neighbourhood House programming.

This exciting \$4.7 million building reflects the design of the revamped Melton Town Centre and Melton Library and Learning Hub, and provides a welcoming and relaxed environment that will encourage participation, learning and employment outcomes for Melton's diverse community.

We'd like to thank the Victorian Government in helping us make this redevelopment possible with a generous \$2 million contribution from the Growing Suburbs Fund.

Summer Safety



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. Visit melton.vic.gov.au/roadsafety for handy tips and advice for when you're travelling on our roads.

FIRE SAFETY



As we've all seen over the past 12 months, bush and grass fires can have a catastrophic effect on lives, homes, property and livestock. To make sure your property is fire safe this summer, or to find out what to do in case of a fire emergency, visit melton.vic.gov.au/fireprevention or emergency.vic.gov.au

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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For more information, contact the Revenue team at revenue@melton.vic.gov.au or visit melton.vic.gov.au

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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 visit: melton.vic.gov.au/greenwaste

