

# Moving Ahead

IN THE CITY  
OF MELTON  
SUMMER 2024



## Flavour Fest is back

The west's biggest and best food and music festival is back for 2024 and it's better than ever.

Flavour Fest 2024 features some of Australia's hottest bands, a Play Zone for the kids, carnival rides, wellness activities and live music, as well as Melbourne's favourite food trucks.

Brought to you by Melton City Council in partnership with Woodlea, Flavour Fest is a delicious blend of sensations that celebrates community, culture and cuisine.

The family-friendly festival is a great chance for residents to celebrate everything they love about where they live, while visitors get a taste of what our amazing community has to offer.

Along with food demonstrations, Flavour Fest will further fuel your taste buds by serving up delicious treats from some of Melbourne's tastiest food trucks.

This year's line-up includes:

**Main Stage:** Dance up a storm to live music from Australia's favourite bands, headlined by high-energy folk-rock duo The Pierce Brothers.

**Street Eats:** Enjoy delicious, tasty snacks from a wide variety of food trucks.

**The Sweet Life:** A dedicated zone for those with a sweet tooth.

**Community Co-Lab:** Get in touch with your mind, body and soul and enjoy activities that encourage mindfulness.

And there will be plenty of activities to keep the kids entertained with carnival rides, free craft workshops, face painting and much more.

The festival will conclude with an epic firework display, weather permitting.

WHEN: Saturday, 2 March

TIME: 12pm-9pm

WHERE: Frontier Park, Frontier Av, Aintree

COST: FREE! Bookings are essential. Visit [melton.vic.gov.au/flavourfest](https://melton.vic.gov.au/flavourfest)





## Mayor's Message

Welcome to the latest edition of Council's Moving Ahead newsletter. The new year is underway and I'm looking forward to an exciting and busy 2024.

You only need to look around your neighbourhood, and surrounding suburbs, to see how dynamically the City of Melton is growing – and there are lots more exciting infrastructure projects underway or about to start.

A series of vital works across the city is underway to make our roads safer and more efficient for our rapidly growing community. For information on all our roads projects, including detours and closures, visit:

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

In a key step forward, Council has acquired the land that will be home to a new aquatic centre in Plumpton.

This is an important milestone in the development of this much-anticipated facility and is the next step towards Council delivering a fantastic new aquatic and fitness centre that our growing community not only needs, but truly deserves.

Don't forget, some of your favourite festivals are back bigger and better than ever in 2024 including Lakeside Alive and Flavour Fest. They are great opportunities for families to have fun together and make some magical memories.

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

If you're interested in developing your skills or trying your hand at something completely new you can visit [meltonlearning.com.au](https://meltonlearning.com.au) for dozens of courses, workshops and programs.

**Cr Kathy Majdlik**  
Mayor, City of Melton

# Road projects update

A series of road works that will make our roads safer and better suited to our growing community, are underway.

## Signalised Intersection in Caroline Springs

To ease traffic congestion and improve safety, the roundabout on the corner of Caroline Springs Boulevard and Rockbank Middle Road is being upgraded.

The works will expand and realign the road, and will include new traffic lights, landscaping and public lighting.

**CONSTRUCTION DATES:**

November 2023 to early 2025

**PROJECT VALUE:** \$10 million

## Hume Drive Duplication, Taylors Hill

In good news for Taylors Hill residents, we are duplicating Hume Drive between Gourlay Road and Calder Park Drive from two to four lanes and adding a new road median.

The current single lane road is very congested at peak times and this road duplication will improve the flow of traffic along Hume Drive making it safer for all road users.

**CONSTRUCTION DATES:**

December 2023 to early 2025

**PROJECT VALUE:** \$8.8 million

# Capital Projects update

## Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve



Local cricket and footy comps are enjoying a new era at Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve thanks to a series of major upgrades - the latest step in a major project that is transforming the reserve for residents and sporting clubs.

The redevelopment of Oval 2 included the installation of new irrigation and LED lighting and realigning the oval to allow more teams to train in a safer environment. The cricket nets now have four lanes and can be used all year.

The upgrades are part of a partnership between Melton City Council and the Victorian Government. Council invested \$155,000 in the nets, and \$750,000 in the redevelopment of the oval.

The State Government invested \$100,000 on the nets and \$1.5 million towards the oval.

## Changing places Facility opened in Caroline Springs



A new Changing Place facility at Caroline Springs Leisure Centre has boosted access to sport and recreation facilities for people with high support needs.

Changing Places ensure everyone can access bathroom and toilet facilities with dignity and support.

This \$280,000 upgrade provides a welcoming and inclusive place that features a height adjustable, adult-sized changing bench, a tracking hoist system and space for two people either side of the toilet.

This is the fourth Changing Places facility in the City of Melton, with others located at Melton Waves, Cobblebank Stadium and the Melton Library and Learning Hub.

This project was supported by a \$110,000 grant from the Victorian Government.



# Pets



Have you added any furry friends to your family in recent months?

Pets are an important part of the family and bring enormous benefits. They also come with responsibilities, including the requirement to register your dog and cat with Council.

Registration means Council has an up-to-date record of your pet's name and your contact details so we can quickly return lost pets to their owners. It also helps keep the community safe.

All dogs and cats aged over three months must be microchipped and registered with Council.

It's easy to do, just visit [melton.vic.gov.au/petrego](http://melton.vic.gov.au/petrego)

Council will seek to minimise traffic disruptions as much as possible during construction, but to help with traffic management, please use an alternative route, whenever possible.

Visit [melton.vic.gov.au/majorprojects](http://melton.vic.gov.au/majorprojects) for updates on capital projects.



## Kids Zone opened in Melton Town Centre



A Kids Zone play space has been installed near the amphitheatre in Melton Town Centre as part of a broader revitalisation plan.

The play space is in the centre of our key community and business precincts, increasing the time visitors spend in the area and boosting community connections. Based around a multi-level Tree House, the structure has play areas and climbing elements.

The State Government contributed \$450,000 toward the project with Council contributing \$150,000 as part of the Melton Revitalisation program. The program aims to support local traders and boost visitors to the town centre.

For news on Melton Town Centre Revitalisation projects Visit [conversations.melton.vic.gov](http://conversations.melton.vic.gov)

## Tribute to unmarked graves at Melton Cemetary



A reflective space to acknowledge a series of unmarked graves, including those of Aboriginal Ancestors and early European settlers, has been unveiled at Melton Cemetery.

The new space pays tribute to more than 100 people buried there and acknowledges the area as a place of rest for Aboriginal ancestors and early European Settlers. The section is in the oldest operating part of the cemetery. People were interred there from the 1860s to around 1896.

This design of the reflective space is centred around a Hearth – a central point around which we can gather and unites us all – and formally acknowledges all the history of this section this as a place of rest.

Council worked in partnership with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation and the Melton Historical Society to co-design this space.

## PROJECTS BEING DELIVERED

There are many more crucial community infrastructure projects being delivered across the City of Melton. You can find out more about the projects listed above and all the other exciting projects in the works or by visiting [melton.vic.gov.au/majorprojects](http://melton.vic.gov.au/majorprojects) or following us on LinkedIn [@meltoncitycouncil](https://www.linkedin.com/company/meltoncitycouncil)

## Kinder registrations open for 2025



Registrations for three- and four-year-old funded kindergarten in 2025 are open on 20 March. If your child is turning three or four by 30 April next year, they are eligible to attend kindergarten in 2025.

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

## Make the most of your waste entitlements

### 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>.

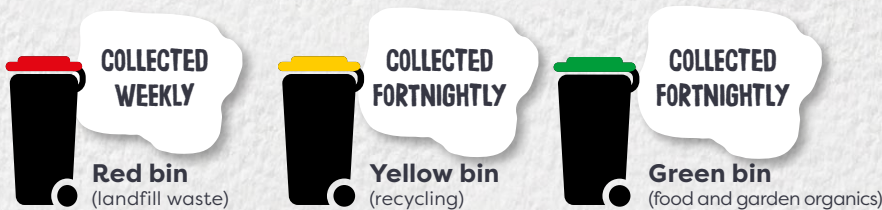
**OR**

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

Options expire on 30 June 2024. 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 take advantage of these annual waste entitlements. Renters will need to complete an online form and provide proof of residency.

You can find more information at [melton.vic.gov.au/waste](http://melton.vic.gov.au/waste)



## Keep bags out of your green bin

**Bags and caddy liners are not accepted** in food and garden organics bins in the City of Melton – even if they are compostable.

Instead, you can line your kitchen caddy, or any container for collecting food scraps, with paper towel or newspaper and empty them into the green bin when full.

Using your green bin correctly means your food scraps and garden waste can be turned into compost.

### Small acts make a big impact.

Learn what goes in your green bin at [melton.vic.gov.au/FOGO](http://melton.vic.gov.au/FOGO)



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# Coming up

### Lakeside Alive

Lake Caroline  
10 February

### Flavour Fest

Frontier Park  
2 March

### Cultural Diversity Week

Various locations  
18 March

**3 March:** Clean Up Australia Day

**8 March:** International Women's Day

**16 March:** National Close the Gap Day

**18-24 March:** Neurodiversity Celebration Week

**18-24 March:** Harmony Week

**26 March:** Epilepsy Awareness Day

**29 March:** Good Friday

**31 March:** Easter Sunday

**31 March:** Transgender Day of Visibility

**10 April:** Eid al Fitr

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