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Cover: Tony Cipriano has been named Bayside's Citizen of the Year for his work with the Brighton Sea Scouts.

Bayside City Council proudly acknowledges the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land, and we pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

## Your Councillors

Councillors have a role in ensuring responsible and accountable governance. As elected community representatives, our councillors are involved in determining priorities and policies and establishing the strategic direction of the city.



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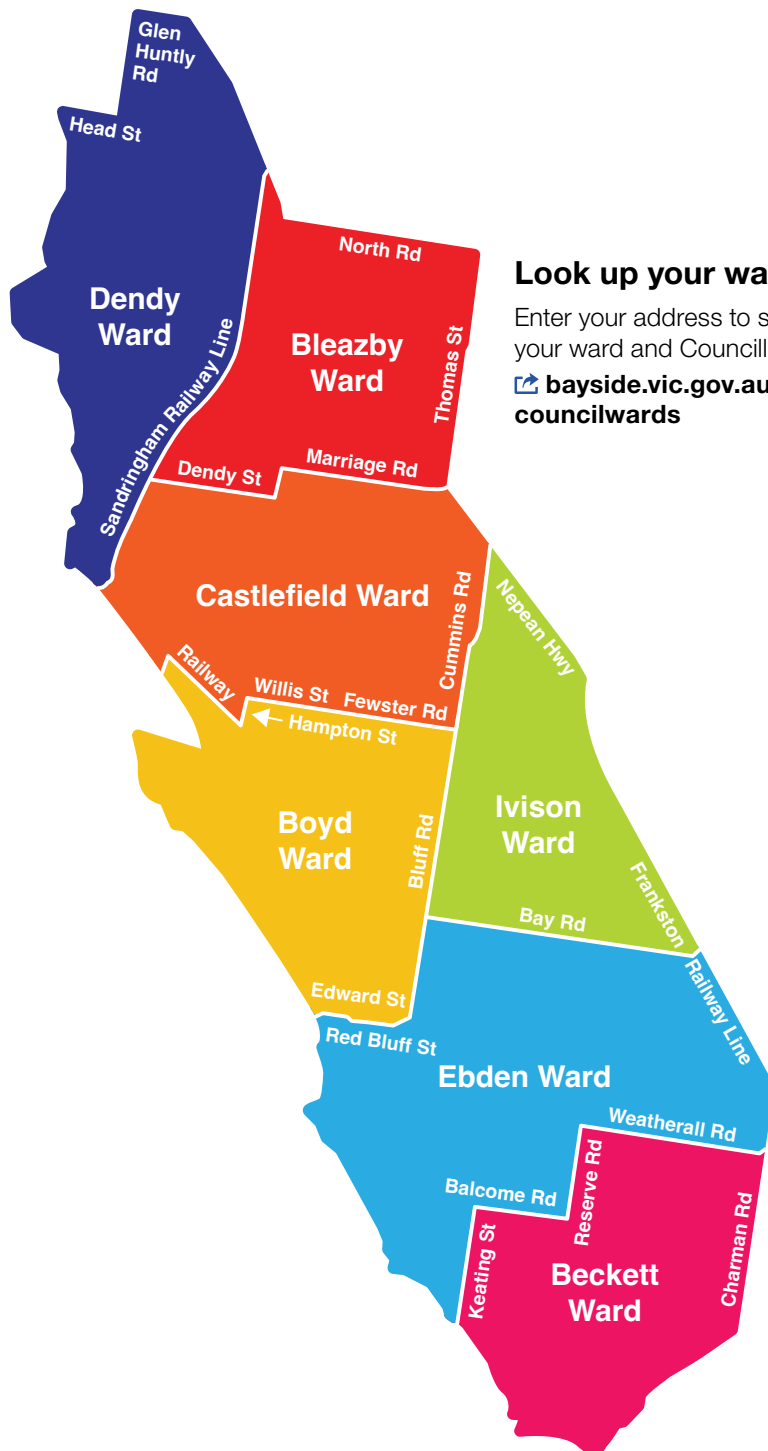
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**AGED CARE COMMITMENT**  
Our expansion of Bayside Care and Support aged care services continues in 2024-25.

# Ensuring future growth and sustainability

## COUNCIL

**The proposed Bayside City Council 2024-25 Budget** provides for the delivery of valued community services and programs along with important capital works projects that will ensure Bayside continues to be connected, liveable and inclusive.

The \$181 million budget delivers on our community's aspirations in the final budget of our 2021-25 Council Plan.

Amongst the highlights is the continued expansion of our aged care services, Bayside Care and Support, reaffirming our commitment to aged care that enables Bayside's increasing older population to live independent and safe in their homes.

Bayside Mayor, Cr Fiona Stitfold, said the \$55.7 million capital works program would deliver facilities for our active and engaged community.

"We are fortunate to live in an area with a beautiful natural environment, and the investment of \$15.4 million in our world-class foreshore, parks

and open spaces will ensure our community continues to enjoy our wonderful surroundings," Cr Stitfold said.

Infrastructure renewals include Boss James Reserve Pavilion, Dendy Park Athletic Pavilion, and an upgrade of the Beaumaris Art Group Studios.

The transformation of Yalukit Willam Nature Reserve continues with \$5.8 million committed to Stage 3 (wetlands) and \$7.7 million for Stage 4 (gateway building) to complement funding from the Australian Government.

Sustained investment in local roads, footpaths and infrastructure maintenance continues and includes the Third Street Black Rock drainage upgrade. Our \$28.9 million Warm Water Pool, to be delivered over four years, will also receive funding.

As we continue our efforts to reach net zero by 2035, funds are proposed to further implement Bayside's

*Climate Emergency, and Biodiversity, action plans.*

The proposed budget was developed with tightening economic conditions for both Council and community in mind.

The budget will be largely funded by rates, with a 2.75% increase, in line with the Victorian Government's rate cap. The decision to increase rates is never taken lightly however this rate increase will enable us to continue to invest in important community infrastructure and provide services for our community in an environment of cost escalation well above the rate cap.

The proposed 2024-25 Budget will be considered by Council for adoption on 18 June 2024.

### Find out more

[bayside.vic.gov.au/budget](https://bayside.vic.gov.au/budget)



**Investment in our world-class foreshore, parks and open spaces ensures we can enjoy our wonderful surroundings**





**SAFE PLACE**  
 Community safety is a top priority for Council and initiatives like the Safe Plate Day make a difference.



**WORKING TOGETHER**  
 Bayside Mayor, Cr Fiona Stitfold joined Victoria Police and Neighbourhood Watch on Safe Plate Day.

# Prioritising our safety

## COMMUNITY

**Working collaboratively** with organisations across Bayside is vital for ensuring our community safety.

Council is aware of an increase in community safety concerns in recent months and we are seeking support to address the issue.

Bayside Mayor, Cr Fiona Stitfold said the increase in crime around Bayside requires a joint effort from Council, Victorian Government, and local community organisations such as Neighbourhood Watch.

“Overall Bayside is a safe community, but we must act pro-actively to identify and respond to safety issues as required,” Cr Stitfold said.

“Council will continue to play its role in community safety by working with local police, Neighbourhood Watch and other organisations.”

This month Cr Stitfold will meet with the Minister of Police, Anthony Carbinis MP, to discuss how we can work with the Victorian Government and Victoria Police to ensure our community feels safe.

Council will continue facilitating a Community Safety Committee, leading a Youth Safety Committee with Neighbourhood Watch and coordinating regular meetings with key stakeholders across the region to discuss and solve common issues.

We are also supporting community safety events like the recent Safe Plate (Safe PL8) Day that helps people secure vehicle number plates with anti-theft screws, making them hard to steal and used illegally or to commit other offences without being identified.

Councillors have met with senior local Victoria Police representatives to identify strategic opportunities that could improve real and perceived safety issues experienced by the community.

We are also advocating to local Members of Parliament for their support to address community safety issues.

## Get involved

Join your local Neighbourhood Watch by contacting Ed Davis on **0415 865 485** or **ed@eddavis.com.au** or Philip Lovel on **0421 344 442** or **nhw3193@gmail.com**

**“ Council will continue to play its role in community safety by working with local police, Neighbourhood Watch and other organisations. ”**



**PREPARE TO VOTE**  
 Keep informed on the upcoming election whether as a voter or potential candidate.

# Council election year

## LOCAL DEMOCRACY

**Electing our next Council** representatives for Bayside is coming soon, and there's still time to learn about the role and nominate to be a 2024 candidate.

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) runs council elections across the state every four years.

Voting in our council election gives eligible voters a chance to have a say on the best candidate to represent those living in their Ward\*.

Bayside elections will be held via postal vote throughout October. You will receive your postal vote forms via regular mail from 7 – 10 October with instructions including a return date.

During this election period, Council will operate in a caretaker mode to ensure neutrality. Our current Council will go out of office on the VEC's official election day, Saturday 26 October.

If you have the passion and time to represent your community on Council, we encourage you to attend a candidate information session and nominate for this year's election.

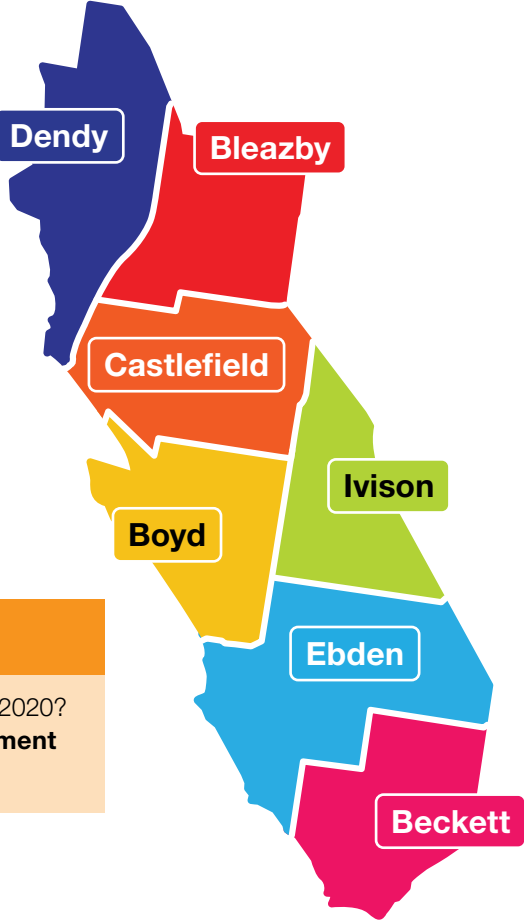
Information sessions for prospective candidates provide a realistic overview of the role including what is required and how you could contribute to decision-making for your community. These sessions will also include training to help equip candidates if they are successful.

We hope to attract a diverse Councillor group that is reflective of our local demographic including gender equity, age and those from a multicultural background.

Additional information relating to ward boundaries, voting eligibility, enrolment, election results and other information is available at [vec.vic.gov.au](http://vec.vic.gov.au)

**Find out more**  
[bayside.vic.gov.au/elections](http://bayside.vic.gov.au/elections)

\*One Councillor is elected to each of Bayside's seven wards, which are named after well-known people and places:



## Check your eligibility to vote

Are you new to Bayside or moved within Bayside since the last Council election in 2020? Check you're correctly enrolled via [vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment/check-my-enrolment](http://vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment/check-my-enrolment) We will also be writing to owner ratepayers inviting them to enroll for the election.



# the Library of things

**VARIETY GALORE**  
There is something for everyone  
at our new Library of Things.



## Not just books

### LIBRARY

**Equipment and household items** including small appliances, electronics and tools can now be loaned with a Bayside library card.

Beaumaris Library has launched its exciting Library of Things designed to encourage sustainable living practices by promoting a circular economy.

The free and sustainable way for accessing items without any commitment to purchase aims to reduce waste while creating a community resource sharing environment.

Local resident Ellie Harper said the service has given her access to new things that are conveniently accessible from the library.

“You can make something special, try new recipes, and you don’t need to store them in your cupboards,” she said.

“I have borrowed a cake tin, a heart monitor, pasta maker and ice cream maker. The appliances are good quality and a pleasure to use.”

Ellie has the window cleaner, sewing machine and cake decorating kit on her wishlist and has been combining the trip to the library with borrowing books from the displays.

To access the Library of Things, you must be over the age of 18 and hold a Bayside library card. The process includes attending an induction session that is held at the Beaumaris Library.

Visit [bayside.vic.gov.au/libraryofthings](https://bayside.vic.gov.au/libraryofthings) to view a list of items available to borrow or to register for an induction session that will allow you to start borrowing from the Library of Things. There are multiple induction sessions each week held during the day and in the evening. You will need your library card to book.

### Find out more

[bayside.vic.gov.au/libraryofthings](https://bayside.vic.gov.au/libraryofthings)



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# Planning your priorities

## COUNCIL



### Developing a new Council

**Plan** 2025-2029 will be the first task for our new Council following the October elections.

We are starting now to prepare for this significant work to commence.

To do this, we need to know from you what the most important services, programs or projects will be for Council to prioritise over the next four years.

Understanding your priorities, needs and aspirations before we start will enable us to create the strategic long-term plans that will shape Bayside.

The Council Plan is our guidebook for the next four years, setting the priorities for new or upgraded infrastructure and community support and other programs that align with the Bayside 2050 Community Vision.

It also directs us to where our advocacy efforts need to be including who we might need to lobby or partner with on programs or projects that are important to you but outside of our control.

In addition to developing a new Council Plan, other strategic documents will be updated.

This includes our Financial, Asset, and Health and Wellbeing plans. These are important for making sure we invest funds collected through rates responsibly, manage and maintain roads, drains, footpaths, Council-owned buildings and open space appropriately, and provide community support and services where you need it.

These plans will all be shaped by community feedback.

Be one of 40 residents who will meet in three stages to provide recommendations to Council on its major strategic plans. Panel participants will be paid in recognition of their time and advice.

Our first phase of community consultation, along with Expressions of Interest to join the Community Panel, is open until 4 August 2024.

## Have Your Say and WIN \$100!

To find out more about the Community Panel or to complete the feedback survey please visit [yoursay.bayside.vic.gov.au/FuturePlans](https://yoursay.bayside.vic.gov.au/FuturePlans)

The survey can be completed online or printed and returned to a Bayside library or customer service centre. Survey participants go into the draw to **win one of five \$100 vouchers!** Visit the website for T&Cs.

### THINKING AHEAD

It is important we all plan for the future to ensure Bayside remains a fantastic place to live and work.



# Our outstanding citizens

## COMMUNITY

Our Community Award winners for 2024 recognise the incredible work of residents who make Bayside a better place to live through their volunteering.



**BAYSIDE'S CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:**  
Antonio (Tony) Cipriano

### Bayside's Citizen of the Year: Antonio (Tony) Cipriano

Tony was recognised for the leadership, mentoring and life skills he has given young people as a Leader of the 1st/14th Brighton Sea Scouts.

Tony points to the people he meets every day, the kids he's entrusted to teach, and the comradery between Scout leaders as motivation for contributing to this much-loved and valued community organisation over 38 years.

"I'm proud of what we have built at the Sea Scouts, which is a safe, inclusive and welcoming place for young people of all abilities," Tony said.

"I get great joy seeing kids of people I went through Sea Scouts with as a child return to our great club."

Tony expressed gratitude in being acknowledged by the community he's been part of his whole life.

"I have never left Bayside, and Sea Scouts is a huge part of my life. We celebrate 100 years this year and it's still going because of many wonderful people involved today and many more who have gone before us," he said.

### Senior Citizen of the Year: Philip Lovel AM

Phil Lovel was awarded for his long-standing contribution to Neighbourhood Watch 3193 (NHW).

Philip has lived in Bayside for 55 years and joined NHW soon after retiring from his career with the Victorian Transport Association a decade ago.

As leader of NWH3193, covering Beaumaris to Brighton, Philip continues to evolve the organisation. A printed newsletter has grown in circulation to 16,000 copies.

"We want to communicate in a way that reaches everyone and not rely solely on social media, although that's important too," Philip said.

NHW is implementing ways to attract volunteers who are the extra eyes and ears every community needs.

Among these is a new program being delivered through schools - Young Neighbourhood Watch. Students visit

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**BAYSIDE'S YOUNG  
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:  
Amelie Taylor**



hospitals, courts and police stations to understand what it takes to hold a community together, and receive a certificate on completion.

“Our brand has been trusted since the 1980s, but we must keep it fresh and attract young people who want to contribute to keeping our community safe,” Philip said.

### **Bayside’s Young Citizen of the Year: Amelie Taylor**

Amelia is an inspiring young person who has been active in volunteerism since a young age.

Honoured to be awarded Young Citizen of the Year for her work with local community events like Brighton Rotary Club’s annual Bayside Family Christmas, and the Great Bayside Swim, Amelie credited mum Jo Kwok OAM as her inspiration.

“This award is amazing. I was honoured to be nominated and it was great to win amongst a group of many deserving people who give back to our community,” Amelie said.

“Mum is a Brighton Rotary Club Director, and a huge role model for me. I definitely feel like I’m following in her footsteps.”

The year 11 St Leonard’s student is also volunteering through school initiatives.

“I am mentoring young people through a school-run program that’s like a mini-Rotary. It encourages young people to get involved in social causes and develop their own actions and ideas,” Amelie said.

### **Bayside’s Environment Award for an Individual – Elizabeth Jensen**

Elizabeth is a passionate volunteer and advocate for our local environment, most particularly at Ricketts Point. She established Beach Patrol 3193 to clean up litter along our wonderful coastline and encourage community engagement and education with the beach and foreshore environment.

### **Environment Award for an Organisation Community Group – Holy Trinity Kindergarten, Hampton**

Holy Trinity Kindergarten fosters environmental awareness through intentional teaching and day-to-day practices. This encourages children, families and the wider community to care for the planet.

The Small Steps, Big Impact program embeds sustainability to lighten the kindergarten’s carbon footprint. Program elements include a community vegetable garden, re-purposing food scraps, composting and worm farms, nude food lunchboxes and the much-loved kindergarten chickens.

### **Bayside Community Event of the Year – Disabled Divers Association and Hampton Community Centre (joint winners)**

The Disabled Divers Association and their All Abilities Snorkelling program has helped over 80 clients living with a disability to experience the wonders of the marine environment through snorkelling and scuba diving. Hampton Community Centre’s The Celebrating Cultures Series offered community members an opportunity to experience, learn and enjoy the flavours, rhythms and traditions of other cultures.

### **Find out more**

[bayside.vic.gov.au/awards](https://bayside.vic.gov.au/awards)



# Social club connections

## HEALTHY AGEING

**Becoming part of a local club** that connects people's interests as they get older is a great way to stay active and engaged in the community.

There are more than 70 community clubs and 9 centres in Bayside offering a diverse range of social and recreational activities that are usually free or at least low cost.

The Brighton Greek Senior Citizens Club has been providing members with a place to meet and connect, sharing their heritage and traditions, since the 1990s.

Club President Heidi Simota said the club would love to welcome new members.

"We cook lunch at the Brighton Senior Citizens Centre once a week and sometimes we might take it all on a picnic. Every few weeks we might go to a restaurant," she said.

"We like to dress up and celebrate special days like Easter, Christmas and Mother's Day with traditional food and activities."

Council provides grants and meeting spaces to multicultural, and other, clubs that support Bayside's ageing community.

"Clubs like ours alleviate loneliness that some older people can feel if they are living on their own or have limited social connections within the community," Heidi said.

### Find out more

[bayside.vic.gov.au/connect](https://bayside.vic.gov.au/connect)

**FUN TOGETHER**  
Social and community groups help communities plan activities and celebrate milestones.

# Food delivered safely

## AMENITY

### We are working alongside

Bayside cafes, restaurants and mobile businesses to uphold public safety.

Last year our Environmental Health Officers (EHOs) inspected every one of Bayside's 773 registered food premises and 300 mobile food businesses, conducting 1604 food premises inspections to ensure compliance with standards.

This unannounced visit ensures business ownership registrations are current and legislation requirements related to selling food are being followed.

Owners of Sandringham cafe Dzert, Maria and John Lanaras (pictured right), work with Council to ensure all required health and safety measures are put into practice so customers can enjoy their visit with confidence.

"We maintain a high level of detail when it comes to food preparation, serving and general cleanliness - not because Council may inspect, but because we care about our customers and put their safety at the forefront of everything we do," Maria said.

EHOs are also tasked with responding to outbreaks of infectious diseases, monitoring water quality of aquatic facilities, investigating tobacco premises and conducting community education sessions.

### Find out more

[bayside.vic.gov.au/foodsafety](https://bayside.vic.gov.au/foodsafety)



**PASSING THE TEST**  
Marc (below) conducts inspections throughout Bayside to ensure food safety standards are upheld.





**WOVEN IN LOVE**  
These magnificent blankets will  
be helping families keep warm  
this winter.

# Circular comfort

## ARTS

**Hundreds of crocheted and knitted** tiles used to yambomb the Black Rock Clock Tower last winter have been stitched into blankets for people in need. The GLAD Rappers, along with Bayside City Council, have repurposed the A4-sized tiles into blankets for distribution by local charity and community organisations give to people in need, including those experiencing homelessness.

Annette Fitton and Sue Traylen are members of The GLAD Rappers and part of the Bunnurong Spinners and Weavers Group that meets weekly at Beaumaris Library. "Our vision has come to life," Annette said. "We couldn't just see those beautiful tiles end up as waste." Sue described knitting and crocheting as more than making and creating.

"We have had so much fun stitching the tiles together, chatting while we work and spending time doing something we love in a way that benefits people, and the environment by reducing textiles going to landfill."

### Find out more

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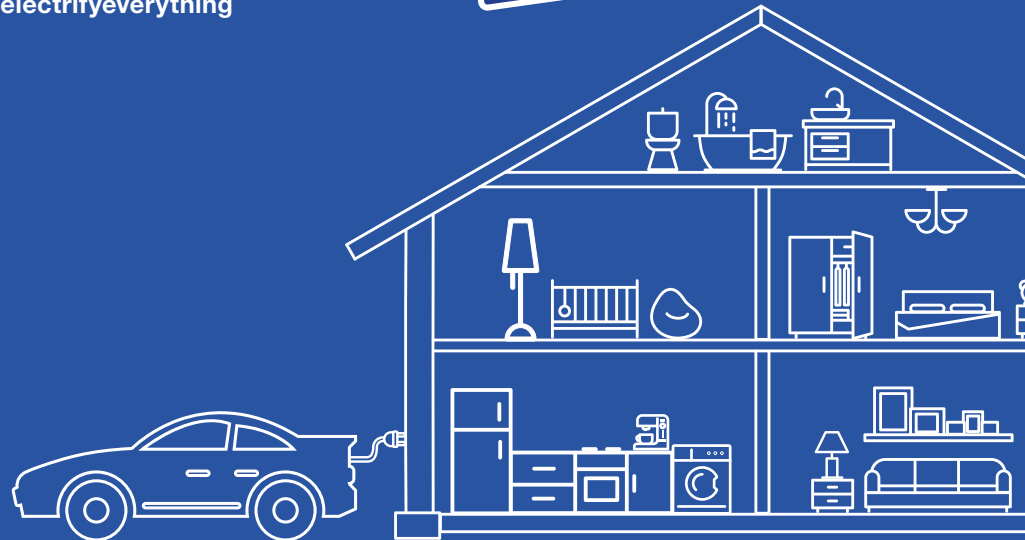
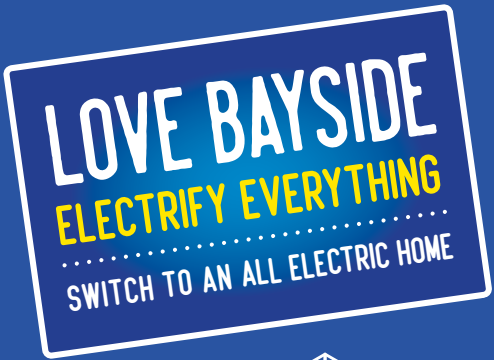
# Electrify it all

## SUSTAINABILITY

**As part of our 2035 community** net zero greenhouse gas emissions target, we are supporting residents to make the switch to an all-electric home. Our *Love Bayside, Electrify Everything* program includes a Go Electric house plan to help you choose, prioritise and upgrade appliances with electric alternatives when they're due for replacement. *Love Bayside, Electrify Everything* features an installation program with access to induction cooktops, reverse cycle air conditioning and hot water heat pumps installed by an accredited and reputable installer. Sandringham resident Ian transitioned to an all-electric home in one go through *Love Bayside, Electrify Everything* and felt supported throughout the experience. "The induction cooktop design features are appealing and much easier to clean than the gas. The hot water

system delivers better pressure and hotter water than with the old gas-boosted system," said Ian.

**Find out more**  
[bayside.vic.gov.au/electrifyeverything](https://bayside.vic.gov.au/electrifyeverything)





**FRESH AIR**  
**We will be advocating for more open space for Bayside in the Suburban Rail Loop's plans for Cheltenham.**

# Suburban Rail Loop

## PLANNING

**We are urging the Victorian Government** to provide detailed information, and enhance engagement with us and the community, around planning reforms and State Government-led projects that are seeking to increase housing across the state, and more specifically within Bayside.

A common element in the Victorian Government's program of changes is the shift in responsibility for the development of Planning controls (zoning and built form outcomes) from Council to the Minister for Planning (Activity Centre Program) and the Minister for the Suburban Rail Loop.

This new shift will remove our ability to determine the appropriate strategic planning directions in the Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) precinct. It is possible this could also occur in other areas across Bayside where the State Government determines to intervene particularly in Activity Centres. It could also limit your ability to have a say on how future growth impacts on you.

### Project impacts

The Victorian Government's SRL project and Activity Centre Program (which seeks to review the controls in the Moorabbin (Hampton East) Activity Centre), could dramatically alter the character of the immediate precinct and beyond.

Excessive building height limits of up to 18 storeys are part of the draft SRL's Precinct Key Directions. Any increase in building heights will likely result in increased traffic congestion

and impact on the amenity of the area (through overshadowing, overlooking, building bulk). There will also be an increased need for more open space and community infrastructure which the Victorian Government has not committed to providing. These are just some of the impacts Council has identified within SRL's proposed plans.

Bayside Mayor, Cr Fiona Stitfold said that while we are supportive of housing growth, particularly affordable housing, it cannot not come at a high cost to our neighbourhood character and amenity or without significant community and stakeholder consultation.

"The Precinct Key Directions propose a short-sighted response to the complicated issue of housing supply that will potentially leave councils and communities to deal with the consequences," Cr Stitfold said.

"These plans propose buildings up to 18 storeys, which is far too excessive for

Bayside given they'll be built alongside existing one- and two-level homes.

"We are strongly urging the Victorian Government to reduce these proposed heights to protect our municipality's distinctive neighbourhood character."

We are also concerned about the lack of new open space, and pressures on the local road network that increased population will bring.

"A significant bottleneck would be created if Bay Road was to be a single lane under the Frankston line railway bridge, causing even more traffic chaos along this important east-west route through Bayside," Cr Stitfold said.

### Council's advocacy

Our community has provided valuable feedback into strategic planning documents and strategies such as the *Bayside Housing Strategy 2019*, *Pennydale Structure Plan 2018*, and *Hampton East (Moorabbin) Structure Plan* to guide housing growth and development across Bayside that are now at odds with changes proposed by the Victorian Government.

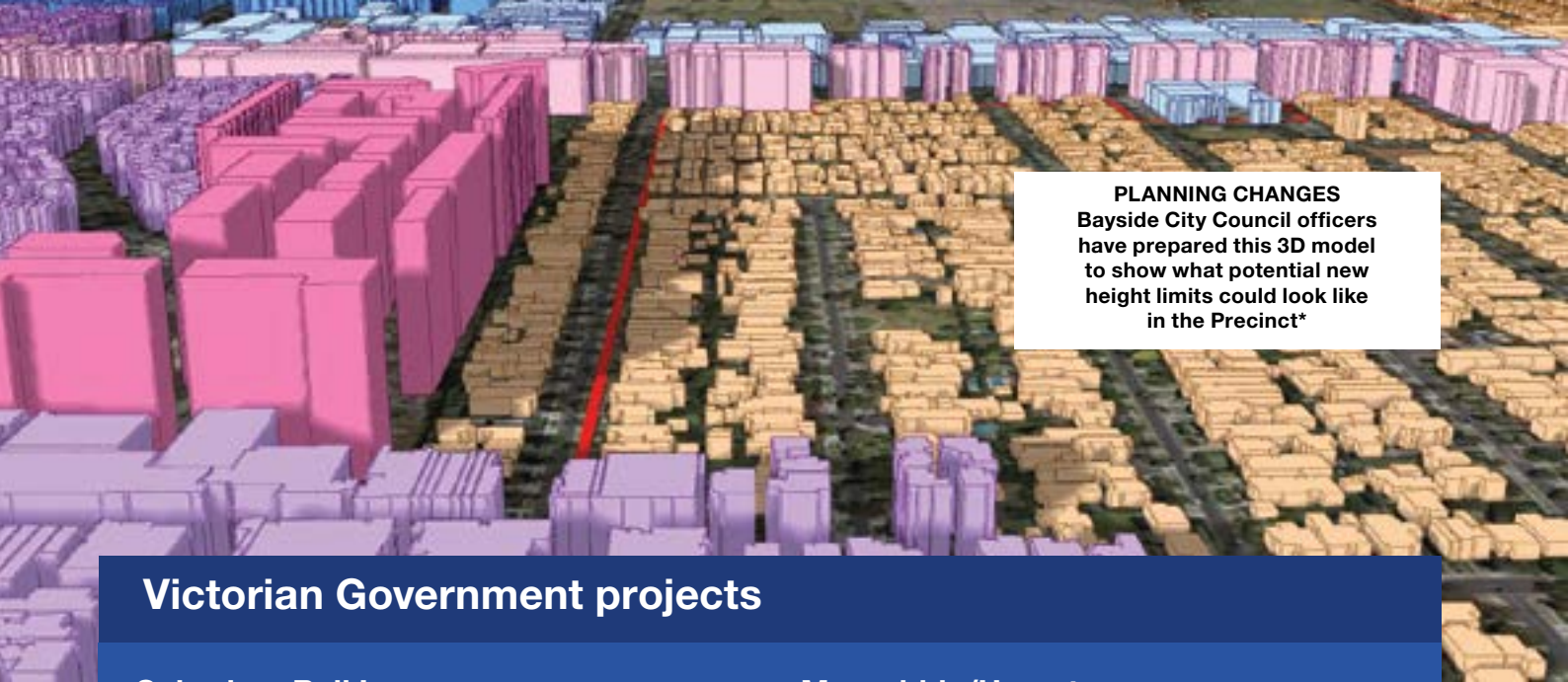
"We are calling for more meaningful engagement between state and local government on these community changing decisions," Cr Stitfold said.

"We also need more information about how SRLA and the Activity Centre Program intend to fund the delivery of new and upgraded transport and community infrastructure, open space and services that will be required to accommodate future population and development growth."



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**PLANNING CHANGES**  
 Bayside City Council officers have prepared this 3D model to show what potential new height limits could look like in the Precinct\*

## Victorian Government projects

### Suburban Rail Loop Precinct Cheltenham

- Proposes significant housing density within a 1.6km<sup>2</sup> area around Cheltenham station, covering parts of Highett, Cheltenham and Pennydale
- Loss of open space at Sir William Fry Reserve where new SRL station is to be located
- Increased traffic congestion from population growth including the bottleneck of a single lane Bay Road under the Frankston line railway bridge.
- Find out more: [srleavisions.com.au](http://srleavisions.com.au)

### Moorabbin/Hampton East Activity Centre

- Located along the Nepean Highway and South Road
- Intersects through the City of Kingston, Glen Eira City Council and Bayside City Council
- Victorian Government is reviewing building heights and design rules within the Activity Centre to boost housing supply
- Victorian Government's Consultation Phase 2 begins in July 2024.
- Find out more: [vpa.vic.gov.au/project/moorabbin](http://vpa.vic.gov.au/project/moorabbin)

Council will consider a proposed submission on the SRL Precinct Key Directions at its July Council Meeting. This submission will seek to provide constructive feedback to the Victorian Government.

We will continue to advocate for positive outcomes from State Government reforms and we are encouraging the community to make their voices heard.

## Get involved

The SRL Authority is seeking community feedback on the Precinct Key Directions until the end of June 2024. Have your say at [srleavisions.com.au](http://srleavisions.com.au)

Find out more about SRL at [bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/suburban-rail-loop](http://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/suburban-rail-loop)

Stay up to date on Council's advocacy on planning reform and projects via our This Week in Bayside newsletter:

[bayside.vic.gov.au/enews](http://bayside.vic.gov.au/enews)



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**CHOMP ON DOWN**  
Don't miss out on this incredible exhibition at the Bayside Gallery.  
Photo: Mark Ashkanasy



# Exciting local fossil finds

## ARTS

### Did you know that we have some of the oldest fossil areas in Australia right here in Bayside?

A unique collection of bizarre beast fossils, dating as far back as 5-6 million years ago, have been collected by citizen scientists and pieced together over the past decade.

Bayside Gallery is proud to present Prehistoric Bayside, a ground-breaking display of fossil material curated by palaeontologist Ben Francischelli.

"Curating this exhibition has been a huge collaborative effort involving other palaeontologists, artists, teachers, technicians and of course Bayside Gallery to achieve results that simply beggar belief," Ben said.

Fossils discovered around Bayside provide critical evidence

for understanding the evolution of numerous animal groups, especially sharks and whales. It is the first time this ground-breaking material has ever been on public display.

"These fossils document the progression of Australian life at a critical stage in earth's history between two major geological periods, helping us understand the mechanisms of evolutionary change," Ben said.

Supporting the free exhibition will be a series of talks by pre-eminent palaeontologists, a range of school holiday activities and free tours. A Fossils Roadshow will be held for you to share and learn about your fossil findings. Come along and find out how to become a citizen scientist and uncover the next big discovery.

## Prehistoric Bayside

**Dates:** 29 June - 25 August

**Venue:** Bayside Gallery, Brighton Town Hall, Corner Carpenter and Wilson Streets, Brighton

School tours with Palaeontologist Ben Francischelli available upon request.

For further information including information and event details visit [bayside.vic.gov.au/gallery](http://bayside.vic.gov.au/gallery)



**There's nothing else like it. Some of the ancient creatures in this exhibition are genuinely terrifying, unlike anything we can see in today's oceans.**



# What's on in Bayside

June/July 2024

## Tim Forcey's *My Efficient Electric Home Handbook*

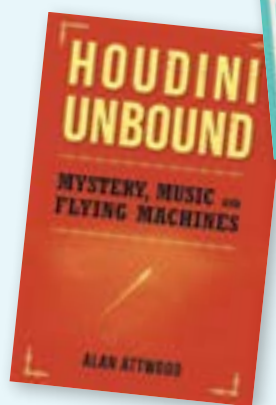
Join us at Beaumaris library to celebrate the release of Tim Forcey's "My Efficient Electric Home Handbook", a guide to slash your energy bills, protect your health & save the planet, all at the same time. Introduced by Zoe Daniel, Member for Goldstein.

**When:** Wednesday 19 June 2024, 6:30pm to 7:30pm

**Where:** Beaumaris Library

**Price:** Free

**Bookings essential:**  
[bayside.vic.gov.au/efficientelectric](https://bayside.vic.gov.au/efficientelectric)



## Alan Attwood *Houdini Unbound*, in conversation with Lorin Clarke

Alan Attwood has brought to life an intriguing and incredible story set in the year of Halley's Comet, "Houdini Unbound" merges history and invention, reality and illusion.

**When:** Thursday 20 June 2024, 6:00pm to 7:00pm

**Where:** Brighton Library

**Price:** Free

**Bookings essential:**  
[bayside.vic.gov.au/houdini](https://bayside.vic.gov.au/houdini)



## Winter Solstice Party

Join us for an epic celebration featuring UV lighting and a live DJ spinning beats to keep you dancing the night away, as well as free snacks and drinks. Bring your crew or come solo and make new friends.

**When:** Friday 21 June, 6:00pm – 9:00pm.

**Where:** Peterson Youth Centre, Highett - see map

**Who:** Open to young people aged 13 to 18, who have a connection to Bayside (live, work, school, study)

**Price:** \$5

**Bookings essential:**  
[bayside.vic.gov.au/wintersolstice](https://bayside.vic.gov.au/wintersolstice)



## Michael Robotham *Storm Child*, in conversation with Vikki Petraitis

Acclaimed former investigate journalist Michael Robotham discusses his new book, *Storm Child*, with Bayside's very own Vikki Petraitis.

**When:** Monday 8 July, 6:00pm to 7:00pm

**Where:** Brighton Town Hall

**Price:** Free

**Bookings essential:**  
[bayside.vic.gov.au/stormchild](https://bayside.vic.gov.au/stormchild)

## Winter School Holiday Program Series

Our Bayside libraries are hosting a variety of events for children across the winter school holidays including an Indigenous Hip Hop workshop, Dinosaur Discovery and much more.

**When:** 1 July to 12 July

**Where:** Various libraries across Bayside

**Price:** Free

**Find out more:**  
[bayside.vic.gov.au/schoolholidays](https://bayside.vic.gov.au/schoolholidays)

## Ellen José Student Reconciliation Awards exhibition

Enjoy the 20 Finalist pieces from the Ellen Jose Student Reconciliation Awards, which is aimed at bringing awareness of reconciliation to our young people, who are the future of Australia, through art and writing.

**When:** 27 May to 29 July

**Where:** Bayside Corporate Centre, 76 Royal Avenue, Sandringham

**Price:** Free

## Anna Johnston *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife*, in conversation with Kate Solly

Join us to hear from Anna Johnston discussing her debut novel, "The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife", with fellow novelist Kate Solly.


**When:** Tuesday 16 July, 6:00pm to 7:00pm

**Where:** Sandringham Library

**Price:** Free


**Bookings essential:**  
[bayside.vic.gov.au/borrowedlife](https://bayside.vic.gov.au/borrowedlife)





# PREHISTORIC BAYSIDE

29 June - 25 August 2024



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An exhibition piecing together Bayside's prehistoric past one discovery at a time...



### Bayside Gallery

Brighton Town Hall  
Cnr Carpenter & Wilson Streets  
Brighton, Victoria  
T: 03 9261 7111

### Opening hours:

Wed–Fri, 11am–5pm  
Sat & Sun, 1pm–5pm  
[bayside.vic.gov.au/gallery](http://bayside.vic.gov.au/gallery)  
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