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Welcome to Inside Moreland

A message from your Mayor

Welcome to the autumn edition of Inside Moreland.

We've had a fantastic start to the year with so many trailblazing projects on the go.

This new and improved issue of Inside Moreland covers some of the important work we've been doing in the sustainability area.

From January 1 we've been sourcing all our energy from renewable sources. This was made possible by our commitment to the Melbourne Renewable Energy Project (MREP). Together with 13 councils, universities, corporations and cultural institutions (including cities of Port Phillip, Yarra and Melbourne) we have constructed a major windfarm in rural Victoria to supply all our energy needs.

So whether you're on one of our library computers, swimming at the Coburg Pool, or walking under a park streetlight, rest assured – all of our venues and facilities are now powered by renewable energy.

This is a massive milestone in our journey towards a zero-carbon future in Moreland and a solid action made towards combatting climate change. Our community is also active in building a sustainable Moreland and it's inspiring to see local business owners embracing the future on pages 8 and 9.

Our trees in Moreland play a big role in keeping the city cool and we're committed to reducing the loss of any green canopy in the area. Flip to page 10 for an update on our Tree Finder Tool, helping bring trees to the city and therefore reducing urban heat.

On a similar leafy note, we're also thrilled to be able to announce Council's A Park Close to Home project has also hit the ground running. We are bringing open space and parks to areas in Moreland that need them most, with new parks announced for West Street and Tinning Street in Brunswick. Stay tuned for more!



In another big recent announcement, we also launched Moreland Integrated Transport Strategy (MITS) 2019, Council's new plan to achieve a shift towards walking, cycling and public transport use. This will help to reduce impacts of traffic as the population grows.

Some of us cyclists can already feel winter on the horizon but not to worry – Glenroy Festival, happening on April 28, will warm you up with West African drumming; funk and soul from Glenroy local and global legend, Kylie Auldish; and so much more. Check out pages 4 and 5 for more info on the free festival's world-class line-up.

With many people looking for more flexible childcare options, Council's Family Day Care Program is a great service for families in the area. See page 6 for a snapshot of this highly rated service, and more info on how Family Day Care could work for you.

And, as always: Moreland City Council, one community, proudly diverse.

Keep warm in the cooler weather,

Natalie Abboud

Cr Natalie Abboud
Mayor

Back Your Neighbour – Inside Moreland

Located in the busy heart of Sydney Road, the Brunswick Uniting Church is a welcoming space that proudly stands by refugees and asylum seekers.

Together with members of the community, including the Brunswick Uniting Church's Minister Rev. Ian Ferguson, Council is speaking out against cuts made by the Federal Government to the basic safety nets for asylum seekers.

Along with 22 local councils across Australia, Moreland is pressuring all sides of politics to commit to reversing the cuts ahead of this year's election through the 'Back Your Neighbour' campaign.

"When I heard about the Back Your Neighbour campaign I immediately connected with it," Rev. Ian Ferguson says. "These people have already faced so much," Ian says. "We're glad to support in what ways we can but it's the Government's responsibility too. These recent cuts are brutal and unfair."

"Some asylum seekers and refugees, of course, have jobs and they're fine in a financial sense but then there are others who are really struggling to make ends meet," Ian says.

"We all have a basic human responsibility to help them get back on their feet."

The Brunswick Uniting Church also hosts the Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre – helping people with accommodation support and resources.

"We're assisting people and trying to pick up the pieces of this policy, trying to help with the trauma these cuts have created," Rev. Ferguson adds.

Iranian refugee, David, says that the local church has helped him a lot. He had resorted to sleeping in his car when support services were cancelled during difficult times. "It was very hard," he says, "but the church here has been so kind to me."

Self-taught, David is now developing an interactive mobile app for the Brunswick Uniting Church with the skills he's building through daily online lessons.

Having faced unimaginably difficult times, he is focusing on building a life here in Moreland.

Mayor Natalie Abboud says she is honoured to support the Back Your Neighbour campaign.

"I am hopeful that us Aussies – from all backgrounds, cultures and religions – will come together to support refugees as they work at building a new life in this country," she says.

"I am in awe of the strength people seeking safety, and new lives, continuously show."

"Refugees, people seeking asylum and migrants have greatly enriched Moreland for many, many years – and will for many to come."

To support the campaign, Council invites you to sign a petition at backyourneighbour.com.au/takeaction

Moreland City Council – one community, proudly diverse.



Rev. Ian Ferguson outside Sydney Road's Brunswick Uniting Church, home to the Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre.



Resident drummers African Star and Dance will be an active highlight of the upcoming Glenroy Festival.

Celebrating our community

**GLENROY
FESTIVAL**

FREE EVENT

Glenroy Festival calling

Already missing the festivities of summer? Don't worry, this year's glittering Glenroy Festival is just around the corner, giving you an autumn fix of exciting activities, live performances, art, local food and stalls for all to enjoy. Happening on Sunday 28 April, the free event will pop up between 11 am and 3 pm at Bridget Shortell Reserve on Wheatsheaf Road, Glenroy.

A calendar highlight for many, Glenroy Festival celebrates the diversity and creativity and businesses of Glenroy. The suburb punches well above its weight with artists hailing from all corners of the globe to call the suburb home.

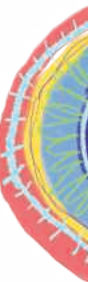
Glenroy resident and Samoan-Australian musician Kylie Auldlist will headline the event, her music often described as being at the centre of the funk, soul and

disco scene in Australia. Kylie has called Glenroy home for 16 years and has raised two children in the area. With strong connections to both Glenroy Football Club and the Glenroy Library, Kylie says she loves the local community. "I have everything I need here," she smiles.

A big hit at last year's Fawcner Festa, local artists Madelena Rehorek and Tito Ambyo return to Moreland for another collaborative community project. They have been working with Glenroy visitors and residents to explore the stories and the journeys of the people and places that make the area what it is today. A series of installations built from hours of interviews, collaboration and research will be on display. "We have a background in journalism and creative storytelling," Madelena says, "so it's really special to be able to share the stories of Glenroy in an original way."

Madelena and Tito's project was one of two community engagement projects funded by the Glenroy Special Commission, a grant funded by Council. The \$5000 grant was put forward as an invitation for local artists to harness the 'Magic in the North' of Moreland in response to the theme, 'Glenroy Calling'. Artists were encouraged to think creatively about the theme in their applications, to work with the community and to consider Glenroy as an ever-growing, ever-changing suburb of Moreland.

Councillor Mark Riley says the annual festival is a personal highlight, adding that this year's focus on community participation helps bring people's ideas together. "Glenroy is an exciting and creative suburb and it's important to have the community share their important, inspiring stories," he said.



Artist Liz Walker is also running a collaborative art piece on the day. Titled *Go! Glenroy Go!* participants of all ages will have the opportunity to make a wooden doll version of themselves to be displayed in a long chain around Glenroy, reflecting strength in community diversity.

Glenroy resident drummers African Star Dance and Drumming will return to the festival to deliver energetic African drumming workshops throughout the day. Originally from Ghana, Edward Kofi Eshun (Shabba) is the founder and director of the group. "African drumming is fun, energising and inspirational to all people," Shabba says, "You can be from any culture, background, be good at drumming or have never picked up an instrument before."

There will also be a children's art exhibition organised by Glenroy Lion's Club and the

Counihan Gallery will be working with environmentally friendly, Brunswick-based, artist-run jewellery collective Northcity4 to present a sustainable jewellery workshop for anyone to get involved.

Last, but certainly not least, suburban country blues band Rattlincane will perform for the first time in their home suburb. Band member Greg Prow says, "As a bunch of fellas who grew up and formed this band in Glenroy we are really looking forward to this chance to play in our old stomping ground."

With most of its members born in Glenroy, Rattlincane even has a song about Glenroy which they will play on the day. "Glenroy was a fantastic suburb to grow up in for us all," Greg adds. "Although it's going through a lot of changes it is still an awesome little suburb. In the old days it was mainly fish and chips, the Dairy Queen or Chinese food, but now you can get anything from a wonderful curry on Pacco Road to a funky little breakfast in Post Office Place."

So be sure to pencil 28 April in your diary to catch these local blues legends.

Glenroy Festival is a great opportunity to get your family and friends together and head over to Bridget Shortell Reserve. With so many free creative activities – along with multicultural food and drinks – it's sure to inspire.

For more information, including accessibility requirements, visit moreland.vic.gov.au/glenroy-festival or call 9240 1111.



Local artists Madelena Rehorek and Tito Ambyo have been commissioned to bring some creative community storytelling to the festival.

Flexible, quality child care in Moreland

Moreland's highly rated Family Day Care service offers home-based child care and education for local families. Available for children from birth to 12 years, the Family Day Care program takes place in the homes of qualified and experienced Family Day Care Educators who are recruited and registered by Council.

All Council's Family Day Care Educators are recognised early childhood professionals. Living locally, they are supported by Council's Coordination Unit who are responsible for approving, supporting, training and advising Educators – and

with linking them up to families, of all backgrounds, to a service that best suits their needs. Family Day Care is a flexible child care option whether you need care during business hours Monday to Friday or on the weekends, after work, or between shifts. The service can also provide care before and after kindergarten and school and during school holidays.

Running a Family Day Care service from her Brunswick house for the past ten years, Family Day Care Educator Alissar's home environment is set up with a range of equipment that encourages play and learning. "As a mum myself, I know how it can be hard to balance everything. Family Day Care can be really flexible and the children are in smaller groups."

Alissar cares for and educates a group of children most week days, with her backyard slide being a favourite. Other fun experiences include learning mats, a teepee and a series of dinosaurs to keep children engaged in their play and learning. "It's a great way for children to get to know each other in smaller groups," Alissar adds. "And to build that sense of ease with the same educator every day – not different educators popping in and out"



Since the introduction of the national quality system for all early childhood services Moreland's Family Day Care service has maintained an 'Exceeding National Quality Standard' with the most recent assessment being in October 2018.



Family Day Care Educator Information Evening

Thinking of becoming a Family Day Care Educator? Come along to learn about how to apply and to have all your related questions answered by experienced staff.

WHEN: Tuesday 7 May

TIME: 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm

WHERE: Coburg Civic Centre
90 Bell Street,
enter via Urquhart Street

For more information and to book a place call **9240 2300** or email sd_familydaycare@moreland.vic.gov.au

Operating for more than 40 years, Moreland's Family Day Care service has a long history of children growing up and creating fun memories of the friendships created in the Family Day Care community. Educators ensure that your child feels safe and secure, while learning in a relaxed and supervised environment.

Councillor Annalivia Carli Hannan says Family Day Care is just one of the great community services Council offers to families with young children. "With so many parents and carers working and studying, Council's Family Day Care program offers flexible hours of child care. Whether you're working fulltime, shift work or completing some extra study on the weekends – Moreland Family Day Care can help."

Child Care Subsidy is available to assist with the cost of the service.

Become a Family Day Care Educator

Looking for a career change? Council is looking for people to become quality Family Day Care Educators in Moreland. If you have experience working with young

children and a minimum qualification of a Certificate III in Children's Services, a Family Day Care Educator role could be for you. Family Day Care Educators can work from home while raising your family and earning an income while giving back to the community.

Get in touch at **9240 2300** or via sd_familydaycare@moreland.vic.gov.au



Powering up for a sustainable future



All Council's facilities – including libraries, streetlights, pools, gyms and town halls – are powered by 100% renewable energy from Crowlands Windfarm (pictured).



The Rubato Building's 15kW solar panels have been installed with assistance from Council.

The science is clear – climate change is here and will affect the health of everyone in Melbourne: residents, businesses, community groups and visitors. The warming weather will also harm biodiversity, habitats and the health of all of us around the world.

It's not all bad news though. More and more local residents, business and councils are facing the urgent challenge of responding to the climate emergency, together

Thanks to our new commitment to sourcing 100% renewable electricity, all Moreland Council facilities – including libraries, street lights, pools, gyms, town halls – are powered sustainably. Our electric cars too.

We have been sourcing all our electricity needs from a major new windfarm in regional Victoria since 1 January 2019.

The Crowlands Windfarm is located around 15 km northeast of Ararat and the installation of all 39 wind turbines was recently completed.

This action is part of the Melbourne Renewable Energy Project (MREP), meaning that we have joined a long-term power-purchasing agreement along with the Cities of Melbourne, Yarra, Port ll (Phillip) and ten other private and cultural organisations.

Melbourne Renewable Energy Project marks the first time in Australia that a group of local governments (including Moreland), cultural institutions, universities and corporations have

collectively purchased renewable energy from a newly built facility.

Moreland Mayor Natalie Abboud says she is proud that Moreland is part of this leading and exciting sustainability project.

“Purchasing all of our electricity from the Crowlands Wind Farm under MREP will save Council nearly 8,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions every year,” she says. “It’s also become a group purchasing model that dozens of other Victorian councils are now working together to replicate”

Not only is Council working to reduce our corporate carbon emissions, we're working with Moreland Energy Foundation (MEFL) and other partners to help the Moreland community to reduce their carbon footprint too.

Brunswick business owner Georgie Imberger recently purchased an old two-storey orange-brick factory in Breese Street. Now known as the Rubato Building, the structure has had many past lives, including being the first incarnation of The Brunswick Tool Library, NORM warehouse, a party venue and artist studios.

With the building's foundations in need of some serious care, Georgie and her brother Duncan Imberger decided to ensure the building is as environmentally friendly as possible in its new chapter.

The sibling team has entered into an Environmental Upgrade Finance agreement with Council and Sustainable Melbourne Fund. Through this agreement the costs of installing sustainable infrastructure – like solar panels, insulation and double-glazed windows – can be paid off via a long term, low interest loan with the repayments collected by Council's rates team and passed through to the finance provider.

"It was a very easy and appealing way of financing key parts of our project." Duncan says.

Councillor Jess Dorney says Environmental Upgrade Finance is paving the way for more businesses in Moreland to improve the performance of their building and also take action against climate change.

"Environmental Upgrade Finance helps local businesses free up cash flow by locking in competitive long-term rates for sustainable building materials and renewable energy sources. It's so exciting to see Moreland businesses leading the way."

Better Building Finance (by Sustainable Melbourne Fund) is the administrator of the Environmental Upgrade Finance program for Moreland City Council. This partnership helps to protect Moreland businesses from rising energy prices and operating costs.

"We think it's really important to future-proof the building, thinking about our own contribution to sustainability. Everyone has a part to play," he adds.

With help from the Environmental Upgrade Finance, Brunswick's Rubato Building now has 15kW solar panels, new double-glazed windows throughout (to help keep the heat out in summer, and the heat in during winter), a white Colorbond roof, extra insulation, internal stairwell airlocks, and two-way ceiling fans to help with sustainable heating and cooling.

Overall, the upgrade works on this single site will avoid 21 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions annually.

Named after a musical term describing expressive and rhythmic freedom, Brunswick's Rubato building is already a fully operating coworking and networking space upstairs – Rubato Upstairs – with desks for hire. They have also recently offered two six-month residencies for Moreland-based creative entrepreneurs.

Downstairs will be Tempo Rubato, a live classical music venue and bar, the first of its kind in Melbourne. Due to open its doors on Sunday 2 June, profits from Tempo Rubato will go to Piano Project, a Melbourne-based charity that sponsors

piano lessons for children who are new immigrants.

"To raise funds for Piano Project, we have been holding classical recitals in off-beat locations," Georgie says. "The sessions have been great fun and Tempo Rubato is the next chapter in this story. Our hope is that both Piano Project and Tempo Rubato, intertwined, will bring more music in to peoples' lives."

"The Environmental Upgrade Finance was also so brilliant for us, it made it possible to put in the infrastructure to do it," Georgia adds. "Reducing waste makes good business sense. I'm shooting for a zero-landfill system in the bar now. Why not, right?"



Duncan Imberger from Brunswick's Rubato Building.

"We're a business partner in environmental finance, helping you work with your local council to get positive outcomes for both the community and building owners." Shay Singh from Better Building Finance.

"Brunswick's Rubato Building is a perfect example of an old building given new life – and a sustainable and exciting future."

To find out more about how your business can benefit from an Environmental Upgrade Finance agreement visit betterbuildingfinance.com.au/who-we-are/moreland-city-council/ or call Moreland Energy Foundation on 9385 8585.

Find out more about Moreland's commitment to a zero carbon future see moreland.vic.gov.au/community-emissions

"As a resident or business owner, you can enjoy immediate and ongoing cash benefits from joining our Environmental Upgrade Finance opportunity while improving your infrastructure to be more energy efficient and economically beneficial. Environmental Upgrade Finance is a fixed interest, long-term (up to 20 years) loan."

Shay Singh, Better Building Finance

Keeping Moreland’s canopy green

Trees don’t only make our streets, backyards and business fronts look good, they are also essential for improving your health, increasing property values and reducing the impacts of heat and pollution.

Whether you want to enjoy your lunchbreak under some leafy shade, or to connect with nature while having your morning coffee, Council is working to grow Moreland’s tree canopy and keep it healthy.

While tree canopy in our streets and parks has increased over the past ten years, tree coverage on private land has declined by a quarter. Increasing urbanisation with a growing population in Moreland and environmental pressures have contributed to this decline.

To help with this Council has recently introduced the Tree Works Permit, which is now needed if you want to prune or remove a tree that is taller than 8 metres (and that also has a trunk diameter of over 40 cm, measured 1.2 metres from the ground) on private property in Moreland.

Under Moreland’s new Local Law, you need to outline the reason you want to prune or remove a tree of these significant measurements on your property. Again, this means any tree taller than 8 metres, which also has a trunk diameter greater than 40 cm. (measured 1.2 metres from the ground).

Failure to follow this new law can result in significant fines.

Councillor Dale Martin says that Council’s investment in trees is a cost-effective way of meeting a range of economic, health, amenity and wellbeing targets.

“Trees are essential for our wellbeing, both now, and for the health of future generations,” Cr Martin adds. “With temperatures rising our leafy streetscapes keep the city cooler while providing important biodiversity corridors. Investing in urban trees means investing in a liveable future.”

Just launched, our new online Tree Finder Tool is another way we’re working to increase the urban forest throughout Moreland.

The easy-to-use search tool has been developed to help people select the right tree species for their space.

If you’re a developer, architect, building designer or resident, jump online – the tool will give you plenty of ideas and will help ensure your new tree will not only suit the space but will grow and thrive.

Each tree is given a star rating, which is based on its environmental value, ecological benefits, pest and disease susceptibility, climate change adaptability, life expectancy and amenity value. When you have more than one tree to choose from, select the one with the highest rating.

Over the past three decades, community groups and Council have also revegetated large areas of our waterways, such as the Merri Creek.

More than a dozen community groups also continue to invest significant volunteer resources into regularly planting, weeding and maintaining vegetation.

To use our online Tree Finder tool or to find out more about our Urban Forest Strategy and Tree Works permit, visit moreland.vic.gov.au/tree-canopy

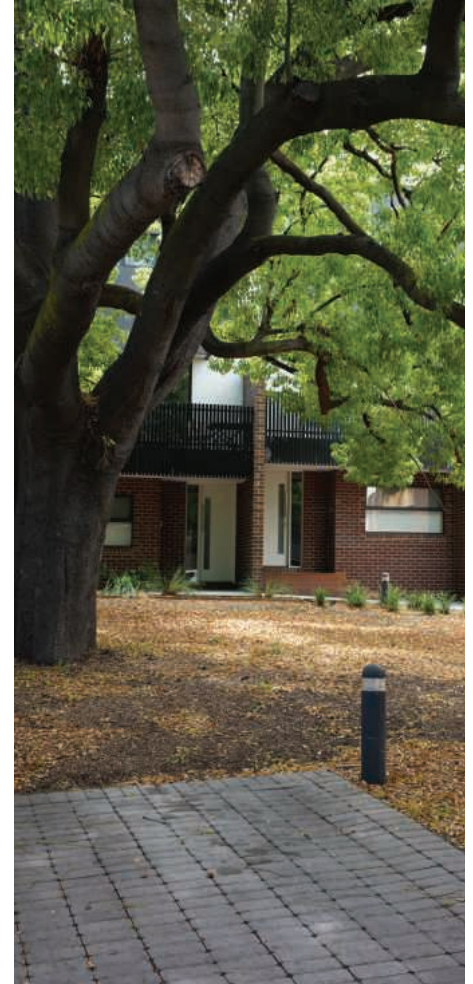






Image: Kurrajong Tree, Moreland Planning Officers and our Open Space Arborist supervised works and completion of a Brunswick West residential development, making sure this giant Kurrajong tree was saved.



In a year, a large urban tree can:

-  Reduce summer temperatures like the equivalent of **10 air conditioners**.
-  Intercept and absorb **2500 litres of stormwater**.
-  Filter **30 kilograms of pollutants** from the air

A park close to home

COMING SOON

Moreland City Council, bringing the community new local parks to areas that need them most.



**Brunswick is getting two new parks!
The parks will be created in Tinning Street,
and West Street, Brunswick.**

**Over the coming months you'll have
plenty of chances to be involved.**



Moreland City Council

**Find out more about Council's plan to increase
open space in Moreland at [moreland.vic.gov.au/
a-park-close-to-home](https://moreland.vic.gov.au/a-park-close-to-home) or call 9240 1111**



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