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Message from the Mayor



Welcome to Darebin Community News for winter 2024!

This edition looks a bit different than usual. That's because it's focused on an exciting project – Our Darebin. Our Darebin is all about our 2041 Community Vision and our Council Plan 2025-2029.

Four years ago, we worked with you to shape Darebin's 20-year Community Vision and the Council Plan 2021-25, laying out a roadmap for our future. Now, as we step into the 2024-25 financial year, it's time to revisit and refine these documents to ensure they continue to reflect your evolving priorities.

Our current Community Vision sets the aspirations for the future Darebin, and the community we want to be 20 years from now and we want to know if it still resonates with you.

Our Council Plan 2025-2029 will represent our commitment to you, the Darebin community, and outlines how we will achieve our Community Vision. It will be shaped by the feedback you give us about your needs and

priorities, steering our financial planning and resource allocation in the long-term.

Your input is invaluable. In these financially challenging times, we need your insights to help determine where to direct our resources and efforts to best support our community. Whether you prioritise family services, transport and parking, climate emergency, social connection or something completely different – we want to know what's most important to you.

Find out everything you need to know in this special edition of DCN and then head to **yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au/ourdarebin** until 1 September to share your thoughts and feedback in your preferred language.

Together, let's ensure our Vision and Plan represent *Our Darebin*.

And don't forget to check out the What's On section on pages 11 and 12 for what's happening across Darebin this winter.

Find out more at darebin.vic.com.au/ourdarebin

Darebin City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi wurrung people who are the Traditional Owners of the land on which Darebin stands. We recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



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Our Darebin

In 2021, we joined forces with our community to develop Darebin's 20-year Community Vision, Council Plan 2021-25 (incorporating our Health and Wellbeing Plan), and other important forward-looking strategies.

Now we're reviewing the Vision to ensure it continues to reflect your priorities for Darebin. We want you to tell us if it still feels right or if we need to shift our focus.

We're also creating our next four-year Council Plan - our promise to the Darebin community. With a strong emphasis on health and wellbeing, the plan will be shaped by your priorities, needs, and values, and will guide our long-term financial planning.

Economic pressures impacting Council's financial sustainability mean we must ensure we deliver the projects and priorities that matter most to our community, while managing our budget responsibly.

There are lots of ways you can get involved and share your thoughts - keep reading to find out more!

Darebin's 2041 Community Vision

Darebin is an equitable, vibrant and connected community.

Darebin respects and supports First Nations People, values country, our diverse communities and places.

Darebin commits to mitigating the climate emergency, creating prosperity for current and future generations.

Our Community Vision

Our Vision is at the heart of our Council Plan, and drives all related work including our priorities, strategic plans, investments, services, partnerships, and activities.

Our Plan

Our Council Plan includes objectives that range from building important infrastructure, to responding to climate emergency and supporting vulnerable people in our community. It incorporates our Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan and guides how we move closer to our Community Vision and how we measure our progress and report back to the community.

Our Financial Plan, Asset Plan, and Capital Works Plan are all aligned with our Council Plan.

Community Priorities

Council is about more than just roads, rates and rubbish. In fact, we provide over 100 services for our community. Our services, programs, strategies and initiatives are divided into 15 categories - to help shape our 2025-2029 Council Plan, we want to know which ones are most important to you.



Ageing and Accessibility

Support, advocacy and information for older residents, people with disability, and carers. Helping people live independently through social connection, community access and home support.

Arts & Culture

Supporting arts and creative industries through dedicated venues, performances, residencies, exhibitions, festivals, events, and cultural collections.

Building & Development

Guiding infrastructure investment and land use planning to provide for the housing, employment and community infrastructure needs of the municipality over the long term. Design of civic spaces and assessment of new development to ensure it is well-designed, safe, accessible, respects local character, and is environmentally responsive.



Diversity and Inclusion

Services and programs that strengthen connections and are inclusive and welcoming of Darebin's diverse communities including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, LGBTIQ+ communities, people with disability, culturally and linguistically diverse groups and women and gender diverse people.

Economic Development & Business

Fostering a resilient economy through employment opportunities, new industries, support for local-businesses and associations, and partnerships.



Environment & Climate Emergency

Protecting our local environment through education programs and projects for Council, businesses and at home about climate change, energy, waste, biodiversity, recycling, circular economy and contamination management.

Facilities, Infrastructure and Maintenance

Planning and maintenance of buildings and facilities, and coordination and delivery of major projects. Maintenance of roads, footpaths, shared paths, lines, kerbs, drainage infrastructure, bridges, signage, bins and street furniture. Graffiti management.

Families, Youth and Children

Services and programs for children, young people and their families including immunisations, maternal and child health services, family and parenting programs, playgroups, toy library, childcare and kindergarten registration systems, resourcing and support, and youth programs.

Learning and Libraries

Darebin's digital and physical library branches and services at Fairfield, Northcote, Preston and Reservoir and services delivered at Bundoora Park Farm.

Leisure and Recreation

Effective planning, operation and maintenance of Darebin's recreation and sporting facilities. Programs and policies that support and encourage an active Darebin community.



The categories are all represented in the amazing Our Darebin artwork on the front cover, created by local artist Lawz Drawz!

Our Council

A well governed, responsible, and transparent Council that listens and acts, providing excellent customer service and value for money. Committed to Local Laws awareness and compliance. Involving community in decision making through inclusive communication and engagement, and providing more digital self-service options for Council interaction.

Parks and Open Spaces

Improvements, programs and policies that contribute to the sustainable development and management of Darebin's open space network, natural environment, biodiversity and overall maintenance of Darebin's parks and open spaces.

Safety and Resilience

Being prepared in an emergency, feeling safe in your neighbourhood, preventing family violence and elder abuse, ways to cope with heatwaves.

Transport & Parking

Fostering safe and accessible, sustainable transport through a range of functions including providing permits, local area investigations and enhancements, parking and speed limit improvements and behaviour change programs with a focus on active travel.

Waste Management

Collection, management and disposal of general waste, recyclables, food/green waste, dumped rubbish and hard waste. Street cleaning. Management of the Darebin Resource and Recovery Centre.



Health and Wellbeing in Darebin

Once you've shared your thoughts on the Vision and chosen your priorities, we'd also like to hear which of these health and wellbeing issues are most important to you:

- loneliness and social isolation
- racism and discrimination
- cost of living
- unemployment
- homelessness
- housing affordability
- food security
- harm associated with gambling
- gender inequality, family violence and violence against women
- community safety
- health impacts of climate change
- mental health
- harm associated with alcohol and other drugs
- inactive (sedentary) lifestyle
- smoking and vaping
- bowel cancer screening
- Sexual and reproductive health
- Other health and wellbeing priorities

Get involved in Our Darebin:

There are lots of ways to have your say about our Vision and Plan until 1 September 2024:

- 1. Visit yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au/ourdarebin and complete the survey in your preferred language**
- 2. Pick up a paper survey form from any of our Customer Service Locations**
- 3. Email us at ourdarebin@darebin.vic.gov.au or call 8470 8888**
- 4. Visit us at a pop-up session in your neighbourhood:**

- **Saturday 20 July 10am-1pm, Ruckers Hill, Northcote**
- **Tuesday 23 July 11am-2pm, Latrobe University Orientation Welcome Festival, Bundoora**
- **Friday 26 July 1.30-4.30pm, Broadway, Reservoir**
- **Thursday 1 August 1.30-4.30pm, All Nations Park**
- **Saturday 3 August 10am-1pm, Regent Village, Reservoir**
- **Sunday 4 August 11am-2pm, Edwardes Lake, Reservoir**
- **Friday 9 August 11am-2pm, Preston Market**
- **Sunday 11 August 10am-1pm, Darebin Parklands**
- **Sunday 18 August 10am-1pm, AH Capp Reserve, Preston**



Pop-up details may change. Visit the website for the latest information.

Hey Darebin kids! You can share your ideas through our drawing competition on page 10!

Arabic

في عام 2021 ، عملنا مع المجتمع لتطوير رؤية مجتمع داربين 2041 وخطة المجلس 2021-25 ووثائق مهمة أخرى.

الآن نحن نراجع الرؤية. نريدك أن تخبرنا ما إذا كانت لا تزال صحيحة أو إذا كانت بحاجة إلى التغيير.

كما نعمل على تطوير خطة المجلس للفترة 2025-2029. ستركز هذه الخطة بشدة على الصحة والرفاهية. نريد أن نعرف ما هو مهم بالنسبة لك.

قم بزيارة yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au/ourdarebin بحلول 1 سبتمبر/أيلول لمعرفة المزيد وإكمال الاستبيان بلغتك.

Chinese Simplified

2021年，我们与社区共同制定了《戴瑞宾2041年社区愿景》、《2021-25年市议会规划》以及一些其它重要文件。

现在我们正在对《愿景》进行复审。我们希望您告诉我们该愿景是否仍然合适或是否需要修改。

此外，我们还在制定《2025-2029年市议会规划》。该规划的一个重要焦点就是身心健康。我们希望了解什么对您很重要。

请在9月1日前登入Visit yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au/ourdarebin了解详情，并以您的母语完成问卷调查。

Greek

Το 2021 συνεργαστήκαμε με την κοινότητα για να αναπτύξουμε το Κοινοτικό Όραμα Darebin 2041, το Σχέδιο του Δήμου 2021-25 και άλλα σημαντικά έγγραφα.

Τώρα επανεξετάζουμε το Όραμα. Θέλουμε να μας πείτε αν είναι ακόμα σωστό ή αν χρειάζεται να αλλάξει.

Επίσης, αναπτύσσουμε το Σχέδιο του Δήμου 2025-2029. Αυτό το σχέδιο θα έχει μεγάλη έμφαση στην υγεία και την ευεξία. Θέλουμε να μάθουμε τι είναι σημαντικό για εσάς.

Επισκεφτείτε τη διεύθυνση yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au/ourdarebin έως την 1η Σεπτεμβρίου για να μάθετε περισσότερα και να συμπληρώσετε την έρευνα στη γλώσσα σας.

Hindi

2021 में हमने डारेबिन 2041 कम्युनिटी विज़न, काउंसिल प्लान 2021-25 और अन्य महत्वपूर्ण दस्तावेज़ विकसित करने के लिए समुदाय के साथ काम किया था।

अब हम विज़न की समीक्षा कर रहे हैं। हम चाहते हैं कि आप हमें बताएं कि क्या यह अभी भी सही है या इसमें कोई बदलाव करने की जरूरत है।

हम काउंसिल प्लान 2025-2029 भी विकसित कर रहे हैं। इस योजना में स्वास्थ्य और खुशहाली पर विशेष ध्यान दिया जाएगा। हम जानना चाहते हैं कि आपके लिए क्या महत्वपूर्ण है।

अधिक जानने और अपनी भाषा में सर्वेक्षण पूरा करने के लिए 1 सितंबर तक yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au/ourdarebin पर जाएं।

Italian

Nel 2021 abbiamo lavorato con la comunità per sviluppare la Visione Comunitaria di Darebin 2041, il Piano comunale 2021-25 ed altri importanti documenti.

Ora stiamo rivedendo la Visione e vogliamo che ci diciate se è ancora adatta o se necessita di cambiamenti.

Stiamo anche sviluppando il Piano Comunale 2025-2029 che è fortemente incentrato sulla salute e sul benessere. Vogliamo sapere che cosa è importante per voi.

Visitate yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au/ourdarebin entro il 1° settembre per saperne di più e per completare il sondaggio nella vostra lingua.

Macedonian

Во 2021 година работевме со заедницата за да ја развиеме Визијата за заедницата Дारेбин 2041, Планот на Општината 2021-2025 и други важни документи.

Сега ја разгледуваме Визијата. Сакаме да ни кажете дали сè уште е добра или дали треба да се промени.

Го развиваме и Планот на Општината 2025-2029 година. Овој план ќе има силен фокус на здравјето и благосостојбата. Сакаме да знаеме што е важно за вас.

До 1 септември посетете yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au/ourdarebin за да дознаете повеќе и да ја пополните анкетата на вашиот јазик.

Our Darebin**داربين لنا****To Darebin μας****我们的戴瑞宾****Нашиот Даребин****हमारा डारेबिन****La nostra Darebin**

Nepali

२०२१ मा हामीले डारेबिन २०४१ सामुदायिक दृष्टिकोण, काउन्सिल योजना २०२१-२५ र अन्य महत्वपूर्ण दस्तावेजहरू विकास गर्न समुदायसँग सहकार्य गर्थौं।

अब हामी हाम्रो दृष्टिकोण क समीक्षा गर्दैछौं। यदि यो अझै पनि सान्दर्भिक छ वा परिवर्तन गर्न आवश्यक छ भने हामीलाई बताउनुहोस्।

हामीले काउन्सिल योजना २०२५-२०२९ पनि विकास गरिरहेका छौं। यो योजना स्वास्थ्य र कल्याणमा निकै केन्द्रित हुनेछ। हामी तपाईंका लागि के महत्वपूर्ण छ भनेर जान्न चाहन्छौं।

थप जान्न र आफ्नो भाषामा सर्वेक्षण पूरा गर्नको लागि १ सेप्टेम्बर भित्र yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au/ourdarebin मा जानुहोस्।

Punjabi

2021 ਵਿੱਚ ਅਸੀਂ ਡੈਰਾਬਿਨ 2041 ਭਾਈਚਾਰਕ ਦ੍ਰਿਸ਼ਟੀ, 2021-25 ਦੀ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਯੋਜਨਾ, ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਵਿਕਸਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਨਾਲ ਰਲ ਕੇ ਕੰਮ ਕੀਤਾ ਸੀ।

ਹੁਣ ਅਸੀਂ ਦ੍ਰਿਸ਼ਟੀ ਦੀ ਸਮੀਖਿਆ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਹਾਂ। ਅਸੀਂ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਦੱਸੋ ਕਿ ਕੀ ਇਹ ਅਜੇ ਵੀ ਸਹੀ ਹੈ ਜਾਂ ਜੇ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਬਦਲਣ ਦੀ ਜ਼ਰੂਰਤ ਹੈ।

ਅਸੀਂ 2025-2029 ਦੀ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਯੋਜਨਾ ਵੀ ਵਿਕਸਤ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਹਾਂ। ਇਸ ਯੋਜਨਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿਹਤ ਅਤੇ ਭਲਾਈ 'ਤੇ ਬਹੁਤ ਜ਼ਿਆਦਾ ਧਿਆਨ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ। ਅਸੀਂ ਜਾਣਨਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਲਈ ਕੀ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਹੈ।

ਹੋਰ ਜਾਣਨ ਅਤੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਰਵੇਖਣ ਨੂੰ ਪੂਰਾ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ 1 ਸਤੰਬਰ ਤੱਕ yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au/ourdarebin 'ਤੇ ਜਾਓ।

Spanish

En 2021, trabajamos con la comunidad para desarrollar la Visión Comunitaria de Darebin 2041, el Plan del Concejo 2021-2025 y otros documentos importantes.

Ahora estamos revisando la Visión. Queremos que nos diga si aún es adecuada o si necesita cambios.

También estamos desarrollando el Plan del Consejo 2025-2029. Este plan tendrá un intenso enfoque en la salud y el bienestar. Queremos saber qué es importante para usted.

Visite yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au/ourdarebin antes del 1º de setiembre para encontrar más información y completar la encuesta en su idioma.

Somali

Sanadkii 2021 waxaanu la shaqaynay bulshada si loo hormariyo Riyada Darebin ee 2041, Qorshaha Golaha ee 2021-25, iyo dukumintiyada kale ee muhiimka ah.

Hadda waxaanu kaloo dib u eegaynaa aragtida durugsan. Waxaanu doonaynaa inaad noo sheegto inay weli sax tahay ama haddii ay u baahan tahay isbedel.

Waxaanu kaloo hormarinaynaa Qorshaha Golaha 2025 – 2029. Qorshahaani wuxuu yeellan doonaa diirid saarida xoogan oo la xiriirta caafimaadka iyo samaqabka. Waxaanu doonaynaa on aan ogaano waxa adiga muhiimka kuu ah.

Booqo yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au/ourdarebin ugu dambayn 1da Sebteembar si loo ogaado loona dhamaystiro sahan luqadaada ku qoran.

Urdu

2021 میں ہم نے کمیونٹی کے ساتھ کام کرتے ہوئے ڈیٹریبن 2041 کمیونٹی وژن، کاؤنسل پلان 2021-25 اور دوسری اہم دستاویزات تشکیل دی تھیں۔

اب ہم وژن پر نظرثانی کر رہے ہیں۔ ہم آپ سے پوچھنا چاہتے ہیں کہ کیا یہ اب بھی درست ہے یا اس میں تبدیلی کی ضرورت ہے۔

ہم کاؤنسل پلان 2025-2029 بھی تشکیل دے رہے ہیں۔ اس پلان میں صحت اور اچھی ذہنی و جذباتی کیفیت کو خاص اہمیت دی جائے گی۔ ہم جاننا چاہتے ہیں کہ آپ کے لیے کیا اہم ہے۔

مزید معلومات اپنی زبان میں سروے مکمل کرنے کے لیے 1 ستمبر تک yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au/ourdarebin دیکھیں۔

Vietnamese

Trong năm 2021, chúng tôi đã làm việc với cộng đồng để soạn thảo Viễn kiến Cộng đồng Darebin 2041, Kế hoạch Hội đồng Thành phố 2021-25 và các tài liệu quan trọng khác.

Giờ đây chúng tôi đang duyệt lại Viễn kiến. Chúng tôi muốn quý vị cho chúng tôi biết liệu nó vẫn còn đúng hay cần thay đổi.

Chúng tôi cũng đang soạn thảo Kế hoạch Hội đồng Thành phố 2025-2029. Kế hoạch này sẽ tập trung mạnh mẽ vào sức khỏe và phúc lợi. Chúng tôi muốn biết điều gì là quan trọng đối với quý vị.

Hãy truy cập yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au/ourdarebin trước ngày 1 tháng 9 để tìm hiểu thêm và hoàn thành bản khảo sát bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị.

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Nuestro Darebin

Tayada Darebin

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Darebin của chúng ta

Council Plan 2021-2025: What we have achieved!

Our Darebin is all about looking forward and planning for the future, but effective planning also requires reflecting on the past. Our 2021-25 Council Plan featured 10 Big Actions – important bundles of projects and initiatives we all agreed were vital for a thriving, resilient Darebin. We are so proud to have delivered on these 10 Big Actions for the Darebin community.

Discover how these actions have been delivered over the last four years and get inspired to join us in designing the next exciting chapter for Darebin!

10 Big Actions

1. Build infrastructure for the future

Some key achievements

- Northcote Aquatic & Recreation Centre opened November 2023.
- BT Connor Pavilion completed April 2022.
- Intercultural Centre opened March 2023.

2. Plan infrastructure for decades to come

Some key achievements

- Commenced an RLC scoping study focussed on engaging with community to understand the features they require from a new RLC to be used by Council to help inform a future business case and funding strategy.
- Council is preparing to call for expressions of interest from community and commercial organisations keen to bring the Edwards Lake Boathouse to life.
- Opened Reservoir East Family Centre in 2024 providing 99 new kinder places.

3. Continue to lead with our response to the climate emergency

Some key achievements

- Worked with community to develop new Climate Emergency Plan including projects to support transition to clean, renewable, affordable energy.
- Solar Saver program continues to support residents to install solar systems.
- Hard waste service review that will result in a two-year trial of a booked service, to improve recycling and reuse, customer experience and city amenity.
- Introduced Ready to Roll bike skills program and free monthly bike checks.
- Continued Octopus Schools program, bike skills workshops and E-bike events.

4. Deepen our commitment to truth and justice for First Nations communities

Some key achievements

- Delivered Darebin Schools' NAIDOC Yarning Conference.
- Engaged with community to name Wat Ganbo Park in Reservoir, meaning 'we are one'.
- Committed to discussions with Traditional Owners about land handback or land management of parcels of Council land.
- Worked in partnership with Wurundjeri's NARRAP team on natural resource management.
- Working under the guidance of Wurundjeri Woi wurrung at Bundoora Park in relation to Truth Telling and installation of information displays at the homestead and farm.
- Progressed work on the Wurundjeri Gardens at Bundoora Park Farm.

5. Support vulnerable members of the community

Some key achievements

- Assertive Outreach Program continued to support people sleeping rough and experiencing homelessness.
- Community Shower Access Program expanded to include Narrandjeri Stadium.
- Advocated for the need to establish a Towards Zero Homelessness Program in Darebin.
- Digital divide program delivered at East Preston Community Centre and Reservoir Neighbourhood House.

6. Champion local business and creative industries

Some key achievements

- Supported Eighty-Six Festival and Northcote Rise Festival.
- Delivered Meet the Makers Picnic at Bundoora Homestead.
- Showcased local artists in the Darebin Arts Prize, a biennial, multi-medium award and exhibition that celebrates outstanding contemporary visual art.
- Held an Economic Summit series working with 237 business stakeholders from 14 industries to better understand the experience and needs of Darebin businesses, discuss ideas to strengthen business and industry, provide networking opportunities, and to help inform the development of a long-term economic development approach for Darebin.

7. Build a more inclusive community for all

Some key achievements

- Delivered Reservoir Revitalisation Program in partnership with State Government.
- Adopted a Place and Road Naming Policy to better reflect Darebin's Aboriginal cultural heritage and diversity.
- Developed a Multicultural Communications and Engagement Toolkit.
- Provided 996 free Get Active Program sessions to almost 6500 community members.
- Delivered sector leading Islamic Cultural Awareness program.
- Added Spanish, Macedonian, Hindi and Punjabi language library collections.
- Introduced Vietnamese, Mandarin, Greek and Wurundjeri Woi wurrung bilingual preschool library storytimes.
- Removed library overdue fines to support libraries to become more equitable and accessible.
- Celebrated LGBTIQ+ communities through a range of programs including Rainbow storytimes and youth events.
- Provided extended opening hours through the Libraries After Dark program.
- Engaged with community about LGBTIQ+ Action Plan.
- Continued to deliver Darebin Access and Inclusion Plan 2021 - 2026.
- Progressed Rainbow Tick accreditation for key services.
- Progressed work on the Wurundjeri Gardens at Bundoora Park Farm.

8. Improve the quality of development

Some key achievements

- Successfully advocated alongside our community to see new planning controls supporting substantial retention of the Preston Market and continuation of the market use.
- Continued to improve the Darebin Planning Scheme by updating the policy framework, completing a Development Contributions Plan, preparing a draft Central Preston Structure Plan.
- Progressed towards a draft Housing Strategy, strengthened heritage protections and an interim open space levy amendment.
- Engaged with community to create a new Parking Permit Policy that achieves greater equity and responds to community needs.

9. Protect our natural environment and biodiversity

Some key achievements

- Established Edgars Creek and Edwardes Lake Taskforce Advisory Committee to take action to improve lake water quality through vegetation planting, a water quality monitoring program, litter collection and pollution prevention campaigns.
- Improvements to tree canopy cover on public and private land.
- Regular tree assessments, pruning programs, and maintenance of diverse tree population, with over 400 types of trees planted in parks and streetscapes.
- Planted over 400,000 indigenous plants to boost urban biodiversity.

10. Expand our delivery of quality universal services

Some key achievements

- Reservoir East Family Centre opened in 2024 providing 99 new kinder places.
- Works planned in 2024 for Merri Community Childcare Centre & Kindergarten, Maryborough Avenue Kindergarten and Raleigh St Community Children's Centre to increase capacity of 3-year-old kinder.
- Continued to provide aged care services to Darebin residents and commenced work to improve customer experience to ensure that Darebin is prepared for the Commonwealth aged care reforms and continues to be the aged care provider of choice in Darebin into the future.
- Continued to make improvements to systems, processes, and aged care programs.
- Significantly advanced the development of an action framework with service partners, to better understand the service needs and aspirations of family, youth, and children in Darebin.
- Developed and prioritised projects with concept plans for one third of Darebin through the Your Street Your Say community engagement. The projects have been adopted by Council and will be delivered from next year.

Calling all kids!

What do you love about Darebin? What's important to you about living here? Get your creativity flowing and share a drawing of what makes Darebin great and you could win a \$50 gift card!

To enter:

- Draw what you love, or what's important to you in Darebin.
- Take a photo of your drawing.
- Scan the QR code below or go to darebin.vic.gov.au/draw-our-darebin, then fill in your details and upload your photo.
- Hit Submit!



Entry Form and Terms and Conditions available at darebin.vic.gov.au/draw-our-darebin

What's on

Bundoora Homestead Art Centre

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

In A Restless World Like This Is

This new group exhibition uses artist Siri Hayes' photographs of the much-loved Merri Creek as a starting point. Artists Anni Hagberg, Katie Paine, Katrin Koenning and Leonie Brialey respond to the themes around the creek, from the environment, to the more hidden aspects of public parkland.

Grace Wood: Permanent Palimpsest

Permanent Palimpsest explores the rich history of Bundoora Homestead and surrounds. Using mediums such as collage and tapestry, this exhibition investigates the Homestead as a place that treated emotional trauma, and invites viewers to engage with the enduring echoes of our shared local history.

Showing until Saturday 7 September
Free entry

Book A Free Bike Check

Our free monthly bike checks are a fun learning opportunity for riders of all ages. Friendly bike mechanics will talk you through a 20-minute safety check of your bike. They'll make minor adjustments and repairs, and recommendations for further work if necessary. Our next sessions are coming up in July, so beat

the spring rush and register now for a bike check. Places are limited.

Book a free bike check at Reservoir or Northcote



More information at www.darebin.vic.gov.au/Parking-roads-and-transport/Bike-riding-and-walking/Looking-after-your-bike

Get Active In Darebin

Don't let winter rain on your parade. There's so much to get involved with at our sports and recreation centres. Anything from chair yoga to pickleball, youth boxing to Pilates - whatever your pick, we've got you covered.

Get Active in Darebin is a free community-based exercise program aimed at increasing the physical activity and wellbeing levels of Darebin residents.

Most activities are catered to people of all ages, abilities and fitness levels, and run by qualified instructors and coaches. Many programs are family friendly specifically designed for parents and children to enjoy together.



Registration is required for some sessions, whilst others you can just join in on the day. Bring water, a towel, and a mat (if required).

You can also keep up to date with any of our free and low-cost leisure programs by following Darebin Leisure on Facebook or joining our mailing list.

Visit darebin.vic.gov.au/Get-Active-in-Darebin for more information



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What's on

Darebin Libraries

Protecting Darebin Creek Wildlife

Learn about the fauna found along Darebin Creek and the everyday actions you can take to support it at this free library event.

Peter Grenfell from the Darebin Creek Management Committee will talk about some of the wildlife found along the creek, such as Krefft's (sugar) gliders, tawny frogmouths, short-finned eels, platypus and microbats. We'll also learn about simple things we can all do to help these species.

Thursday 8 August 7-8pm
Preston Library
 Bookings at Eventbrite or call 1300 655 355



Escape the winter chill at the library!

These free library events are held weekly, fortnightly or monthly. Come along to meet new people and enjoy your hobbies while staying toasty and warm.

First Thursday Book Nook
 Come along to chat books! Refreshments provided.

First Thursday of the month 7-8pm
Preston Library
 Bookings at Eventbrite

Chess Club

Chess players (six years and over) at all levels welcome at this drop-in chess session.

Mondays 5.30-7.30pm
Preston Library

Conversation Café

Practise your English language skills in a friendly, supportive environment. Everyone is welcome, no need to book.

Fridays 10-11am
Preston Library

In the Loop

Bring your own craft project to work on in the company of like-minded crafty folk.

Fortnightly on Fridays 11am-12pm Next date:
26 July, Preston Library



libraries.darebin.vic.gov.au or call 1300 655 355

Northcote Aquatic & Recreation Centre

Swim Bright Babies - FREE community class for babies aged 9 to 18 months

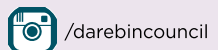
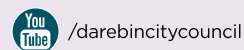
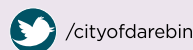
Swim Bright Babies is a free community class tailored for parents seeking social interaction and bonding opportunities with their little ones. Led by our skilled and certified instructors, these 30-minute sessions offer a blend of water familiarisation and basic skill development in a nurturing group setting.

Weekly on Thursdays at 12:15pm
180 Victoria Road, Northcote



FREE - participants will need to create a guest account to book in northcoteaquaticreccentre.com.au/swim-lessons/bright-babies-classes

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