



Marlowe and Eloise make a splash at the new Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre

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Aunty Rieo Ellis and Aunty Cecily Atkinson at the 2022 Darebin Community Awards

## DAREBIN COMMUNITY AWARDS ARE BACK IN 2024

The Darebin Community Awards celebrate the groups and individuals that make outstanding contributions to our community. These awards acknowledge the amazing community work making a difference in Darebin, with past winners having set inspiring examples.

“My community is so important to me, and it’s great to have been recognised for my work by Darebin in this way”, says Aunty Cecily Atkinson, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Leader of the Year – Special Commendation recipient.

“Uplifting and protecting the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women around me is what matters, and this has spurred me on to keep doing it.”

We’re calling on you to nominate your local heroes and help us celebrate their contribution to Darebin. Whether it’s a neighbour, colleague, or community group now’s the time to let us know about how they’ve inspired you.

Nominations for each award are judged by the Darebin Community Awards Committee and the awards will be presented in spring during the FUSE Festival.

More details about the application, including criteria and categories can be found at [darebin.vic.gov.au/communityawards](https://darebin.vic.gov.au/communityawards) or you can email [fuse@darebin.vic.gov.au](mailto:fuse@darebin.vic.gov.au)



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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.



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I'm absolutely stoked to have been elected Mayor, alongside Deputy Mayor Tim Laurence. I'd like to say a big thank you to outgoing Mayor Julie Williams, who awarded over 1000 residents their Australian citizenship!

I can't wait to work with you all to deliver our community vision: that Darebin is an equitable, vibrant and connected community; that respects and supports First Nations people; and commits to mitigating the climate emergency.

We are facing the escalating impacts of the climate crisis, and the inequality crisis. We will face extreme weather this summer, and I encourage you to stay safe and cool, and make use of our libraries and aquatic centres. Almost all of us are facing cost-of-living pressures with rent, mortgages, bills and food costs rising. I'm committed to creating a Darebin where everyone has what they need to thrive and no one is left behind.

In this fantastic edition of DCN you'll read about the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre - Australia's first indoor/outdoor gas-free aquatic centre; sharing our bountiful summer fruit; and food waste recycling.

Read on for a call-out for Community Award nominations and a lovely story about Uncle Alan Thorpe's work in our community and his well-deserved NAIDOC award.

Cr Susanne Newton  
Mayor



Image courtesy of Dardi Munwurro

## NAIDOC AWARD FOR UNCLE ALAN THORPE

By Charles Pakana

Uncle Alan Thorpe, a Gunai man and leader of the Darebin-based Dardi Munwurro ('Strong Spirit' in Gunai language), was announced 2023 Victorian Male Elder of the Year in the annual NAIDOC Week Awards.

While Uncle Alan may have been surprised, it certainly came as no surprise to many in the Darebin community and to so many Aboriginal men from across Victoria who have benefited from the work and programs of Dardi Munwurro.

It is an organisation that started in the 1990s, with Uncle Alan and a colleague travelling across Victoria in a second-hand Holden Commodore, working in various communities to support healing for Aboriginal men.

Now, nearly 25 years later, it stays true to its roots and runs various programs that assist Aboriginal men, many of them emerging from periods of incarceration, to gain employment, healing and, as the name of the organisation states clearly, stronger spirit.

For Alan, the reward is not the recognition of being Male Elder of the Year; it is seeing the men working hard through the Dardi Munwurro programs and changing for the better.

"That's where I gain my own inspiration," he says. "To see them recognise in themselves the people they really are - strong, confident and resilient."

While the focus of Dardi Munwurro and Alan's work has been on men's healing, he has never turned his back on anyone, and that is fundamental to the work undertaken by Dardi.

"The core philosophy that I hold to, and embed within the organisation is that we strive to ensure that we leave no-one behind."

"Everyone is valuable and deserves our support."

- *Uncle Charles Pakana is a proud Aboriginal journalist working with Darebin Council to tell First Nations stories.*

**Dardi Munwurro is at 558 High Street, Preston. Find out more at [dardimunwurro.com.au](http://dardimunwurro.com.au)**



## JUMP FOR JOY, NARC IS OPEN

The Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre is now open!

Every detail of the facility has been carefully thought through to bring to life a sustainable and truly inclusive space where the whole community can feel embraced, safe and welcome.

Few have had a closer eye on it than Warren and Mahoney Associate Principal and Project Architect, Brett Diprose, who took the brief from Darebin Council, and created the 6 Star Green Star design that now sets the standard for future aquatic centres in Australia.

Brett says in addition to the centre's fantastic leisure facilities and sustainability credentials – which include significant use of solar, all electric (no gas connection to site) and other initiatives – NARC is about inclusion.

“Accessibility and balance are at the heart of this design and have been executed brilliantly by our construction partners, KANE. The breadth of facilities, the layout – including a specific adult-only bathing area, expansive café and sprawling grounds surrounding the outdoor pool – enables this centre to truly act as a community hub,” he said.

Aside from the wide array of recreation facilities, there are some important operational elements of the design that drive inclusivity.

Change facilities are welcoming to a cross section of the community, with options that cater to individuals, families and those reliant on high-need carers.

Darebin resident Amelia said she finds the facility affirming and likes the safety of the individual shower and change rooms.



“It is incredible to have a space where sexuality and gender diverse experiences are considered in the planning, building and activity planning,” she said.

The centre has been designed to be used by the Darebin and wider community. It will be available for local and district school carnivals and could host swimming and water polo competitions.

Andy who came along to have a look with his local grandson said

he was very impressed by the facility and is keen to sign up.

“It’s really quite amazing to be honest. I am really impressed. I’ll certainly be coming along to whatever you have on offer for seniors of my vintage,” he said.

The Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre is all about inclusion and providing a great experience to everyone in the community from young babies right through to the elderly, with targeted programming in pools and wellness spaces, to keep our

community healthy, strong and connected.

Whether you are visiting for the hour, or the day, the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre is ready to welcome you to work towards your health and wellbeing goals.

Darebin Council acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government through the Community Infrastructure Loan and Changing Places Funding Programs.

Visit [northcoteaquaticreccentre.com.au](http://northcoteaquaticreccentre.com.au) for more information.

## STAY SAFE, KEEP COOL IN DAREBIN

Darebin libraries are the place to be this summer. A visit to your local library can be for more than just reading, it can also be a time to relax, cool down and stay safe from heatwaves. "We welcome everyone to our libraries. We have solar-powered air conditioning and plenty to do, all for free! One thing that might

surprise some is we welcome food and drink in our libraries, so bring a snack and fill up your water bottle while you're here," says Darebin Libraries team leader, Leilani.

"Reservoir, Preston, and Northcote Libraries are open late on weeknights, so families can enjoy our cool spaces on those hot summer evenings with access to Wi-Fi, laptops, gaming stations, games, magazines, newspapers, and books. We'll be

running events and movies too, so please visit our website for details."

Please remember heatwaves can be dangerous. All residents are welcome to cool down at the library this summer, especially those who are older, have young children, are pregnant, or have medical conditions.

Stay safe and keep cool this summer with these tips:



Drink plenty of water, even if you're not thirsty



Cool down with wet towels and cool showers



Wear loose clothing



Stay inside and move less



Close blinds and curtains early in the morning



Use fans or air conditioning: Save by just cooling one room in your house



Plan to go out only during the cooler parts of the day



Ensure pets have water and shade



Hot cars can kill, so never leave children or pets in cars



Know who to contact if you need help



Check in on older neighbours to make sure they're ok



Notice heat stress: headache, nausea, dizziness, weakness, irritability, thirst, heavy sweating

**Summer is here! If you're lucky enough to have a pool it's more important than ever to be safe, and understand your responsibilities. Swimming pools and spas must be registered and meet current safety and compliance standards. Find out more and submit your registration now at [darebin.vic.gov.au/pools-and-spas](https://darebin.vic.gov.au/pools-and-spas)**

If you don't feel well, call your doctor, or Nurse-On-Call on 1300 606 024 or in an emergency, call 000 (triple zero). For other tips and to download the Keep Cool in Darebin map visit [darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves](https://darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves). You can also pick up a fact sheet from any of our Customer Service locations or call us on 8470 8888 to have one mailed out to you. Find out more about our libraries at [libraries.darebin.vic.gov.au](https://libraries.darebin.vic.gov.au)

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يمكن أن تكون موجات الحر خطيرة. نرحب بالمقيمين للاسترخاء في المكتبة هذا الصيف، وخاصة كبار السن، أو الذين لديهم أطفال صغار، أو الحوامل، أو الذين يعانون من حالات طبية. للحصول على نصائح حول البقاء آمناً والحفاظ على برودة الطقس، تفضل زيارة [Darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves](http://Darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves). يمكنك أيضاً الحصول على صحيفة حقائق من أي من مواقع خدمة العملاء لدينا أو الاتصال بنا على الرقم 8470 8888 لإرسالها إليك بالبريد.

热浪会很危险。我们欢迎居民今年夏天前往图书馆避暑，特别是长者、幼儿及其家长、孕妇或患病者。查询有关防暑保健的好建议，请浏览[darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves](http://darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves)。您也可以从我们的任意一个客户服务处拿一份资料单，或者致电8470 8888联系我们给您邮寄一份。

Οι καύσωνες μπορεί να είναι επικίνδυνες. Οι κάτοικοι είναι ευπρόσδεκτοι να δροσιστούν στη βιβλιοθήκη αυτό το καλοκαίρι, ειδικά όσοι είναι ηλικιωμένοι, έχουν μικρά παιδιά, είναι έγκυοι ή έχουν ιατρικές παθήσεις. Για συμβουλές σχετικά με την ασφάλεια και να παραμείνετε δροσεροί, επισκεφθείτε το [darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves](http://darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves). Μπορείτε επίσης να παραλάβετε ένα φύλλο πληροφοριών από οποιαδήποτε από τις τοποθεσίες μας Εξυπηρέτησης Πελατών ή καλέστε μας στο 8470 8888 για να σας στείλουμε ένα ταχυδρομικά.

हीटवेव (ग्रीष्म लहरें) खतरनाक हो सकती हैं। हम इस गर्मी में लाइब्रेरी में आकर खुद को ठंडा रखने के लिए निवासियों का स्वागत करते हैं, विशेष रूप से उन लोगों का जो अधिक उम्र के हैं, जिनके छोटे बच्चे हैं, जो गर्भवती हैं, या जो बीमार हैं। सुरक्षित रहने और ठंडक बनाए रखने के सुझावों के लिए [darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves](http://darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves) पर जाएं। आप हमारे किसी भी ग्राहक सेवा स्थान से एक तथ्य पत्रक ले सकते हैं या हमें 8470 8888 पर कॉल करके एक तथ्य पत्रक मंगवा सकते हैं।

Le ondate di caldo possono essere pericolose. Invitiamo i residenti a stare al fresco in biblioteca quest'estate, in particolare coloro che sono più anziani, hanno bambini piccoli, sono incinte o hanno patologie. Per suggerimenti su come stare al sicuro e al fresco, visitate il sito [darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves](http://darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves). Potete anche ritirare una scheda informativa presso uno qualsiasi dei nostri punti di assistenza clienti o chiamarci al numero 8470 8888 per farvene spedire una per posta.

Топлотните бранови можат да бидат опасни. Ги повикуваме жителите да се разладат ова лето во библиотеката, особено постарите, оние кои имаат мали деца, се бремени или имаат медицински состојби. За совети како да останете безбедни и да се разладите, посетете го [darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves](http://darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves). Можете исто така да земете информативен лист од која било од нашите места за услуги за клиенти или да ни се јавите на 8470 8888 за да ви биде испратена по пошта.

गर्मीको लहर खतरनाक हुन सक्छ। यस गर्मीमा हाम्रा बासिन्दाहरूलाई - विशेष वृद्ध साना बच्चाहरू, गर्भवती महिलाहरू वा चिकित्सा अवस्थाहरू भएकाहरूलाई- हाम्रो पुस्तकालयमा शीतल हुनेगरी बस्न आउन स्वागत गर्दछौं। गर्मीको लहरबाट सुरक्षित रहन र शीतल रहने बारे सुझावहरूको लागि [darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves](http://darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves) हेर्नुहोस्। तपाईंले हाम्रो कुनै पनि ग्राहक सेवा स्थानहरूबाट जानकारी पत्र पाउन सक्नुहुन्छ वा तपाईंलाई हुलाकबाट पठाउन हामीलाई 8470 8888 मा फोन गर्न सक्नुहुन्छ।

ਗਰਮੀ ਖ਼ਤਰਨਾਕ ਹੋ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ। ਅਸੀਂ ਵਸਨੀਕਾਂ ਦਾ ਇਸ ਗਰਮੀਆਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਾਇਬ੍ਰੇਰੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਆ ਕੇ ਠੰਢਾ ਰਹਿਣ ਲਈ ਸਵਾਗਤ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ, ਖ਼ਾਸਕਰ ਉਹ ਜੋ ਬਜ਼ੁਰਗ ਹਨ, ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਛੋਟੇ ਬੱਚੇ ਹਨ, ਗਰਭਵਤੀ ਹਨ, ਜਾਂ ਡਾਕਟਰੀ ਸਮੱਸਿਆਵਾਂ ਹਨ। ਸੁਰੱਖਿਅਤ ਅਤੇ ਠੰਢਾ ਰਹਿਣ ਬਾਰੇ ਸੁਝਾਵਾਂ ਲਈ [darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves](http://darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves) 'ਤੇ ਜਾਓ। ਤੁਸੀਂ ਸਾਡੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਗਾਹਕ ਸੇਵਾ ਸਥਾਨਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਤੱਥ-ਸ਼ੀਟ ਲੈ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ ਜਾਂ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਡਾਕ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਭੇਜਣ ਲਈ ਸਾਨੂੰ 8470 8888 'ਤੇ ਫ਼ੋਨ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ।

Mawjadaha kululi waxay noqon karaan khatar. Waxaanu soo dhowaynaynaa deganayaashu inay isku qaboojiyaan maktabada kulaylahaan, khaasatan dadka waayeelka ah, kuwa haysta carruur yaryar, kuwa uurka leh, ama qaba xaallad caafimaad. Tusaalayaasha ku saabsan ku sugnaanta aamaan iyo isqaboojinta booqo [darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves](http://darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves). Waxaad kaloo ka soo qaadan kartaa xaashida xaqiiqada mid kasta oo ka mid ah goobaha Adeega Macmiilkayaga ama naga wac soo 8470 8888 si aad u hesho mid boosta lagu soo dhigo.

Las olas de calor pueden ser peligrosas. Recomendamos a los residentes refrescarse en la biblioteca este verano, especialmente quienes son personas mayores, tienen niños pequeños, están embarazadas o tienen problemas de salud. Para obtener consejos sobre cómo mantenerse seguro y fresco, visite [darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves](http://darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves). También puede recoger un folleto informativo en cualquiera de nuestros locales de Servicio al Cliente o llamarnos al 8470 8888 para que se lo mandemos por correo.

شدید گرم دن خطرناک ہو سکتے ہیں۔ ہم مقامی رہائشیوں کو ان گرمیوں میں لائبریری کی ٹھنڈک میں بیٹھنے کی دعوت دیتے ہیں، یہ دعوت خاص طور پر بڑی عمر کے افراد، چھوٹے بچوں والے لوگوں، حاملہ خواتین یا صحت کے مسائل رکھنے والوں کو دی جا رہی ہے۔ محفوظ رہنے اور گرمی سے بچنے کی تجاویز کے لیے [darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves](http://darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves) دیکھیں۔ آپ ہمارے کسی بھی کسٹمر سروس کے مقام سے معلوماتی پرچہ لے سکتے ہیں یا یہ ای میل پر منگوانے کے لیے ہمیں 8470 8888 پر کال کریں۔

Những đợt nắng nóng bức có thể nguy hiểm. Chúng tôi hoan nghênh cư dân đến thư viện để tránh nóng trong mùa hè này, đặc biệt là người cao niên, người có con nhỏ, đang mang thai hoặc bị vấn đề sức khỏe. Muốn biết những lời khuyên về cách giữ an toàn và tránh nóng, hãy truy cập [darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves](http://darebin.vic.gov.au/heatwaves). Quý vị cũng có thể đến bất kỳ địa điểm Dịch vụ Khách hàng nào của chúng tôi để lấy tờ thông tin hoặc gọi cho chúng tôi qua số 8470 8888 để chúng tôi gửi tờ thông tin cho quý vị.



## MAKE FOOD WASTE RECYCLING YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Did you know that 43% of the waste in our kerbside landfill bin is food waste that could be placed in our green bins? Also, contamination from plastics, general waste and other items in green bins has more than doubled in the last year since rolling out Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) collection to eligible households.

When food and green waste ends up in landfill, it generates methane and has a big environmental impact and financial cost. Everything that goes into your food and green waste bin will be turned into compost for farms, parks and community gardens across Victoria. Will you pledge to recycle better as your New Year's resolution?

Darebin resident Blaze Ristanodski has pledged this New Year to recycle right. "I didn't know I could use the

green bin for kitchen waste, but I will do it now" says Blaze. "I will tell my friends in the Macedonian Club. Already I see no problem. It is so easy!"

And if you are worried about a smelly bin during summer, these simple tips can help keep your food and green waste bin odour and pest free:

1. Layer items like garden clippings at the bottom of the bin and between food scraps. This will stop food from sticking to the bottom and help keep your bin smelling fresh.
2. Keep your bin in a shady spot with the lid closed.
3. Keep seafood and meat scraps in the fridge or freezer until bin collection day.
4. Hose the bin down and let it dry in the sun.

For more information, visit [darebin.vic.gov.au/foodwaste](http://darebin.vic.gov.au/foodwaste)

## SQUEEZE THE DAY AND SHARE THE BOUNTY

Summer brings the joys of berries, peaches, apricots, figs and more. It's a time of plenty.

Help share the bounty and be part of the movement to foster local food systems that are secure, sustainable, and fair.

The Darebin Fruit Squad is here to help harvest any excess fruit to share with you and your community. Sign up to join the volunteer pickers or get in touch about unshackling a tree with surplus fruit.

Don't let it go to waste. Someone will really a-peach-i-ate-it

The Darebin Fruit Squad is part of the Darebin Information, Volunteer & Resource Service (DIVRS)'s Urban Food Program, supported by Darebin Council.



For more information, go to [divrs.org.au/fruit-squad](http://divrs.org.au/fruit-squad) or call 9480 8207.



## CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME THRIVING IN DAREBIN



Did you know you could earn 10c for every single-use drink can or bottle you return to a Container Deposit Scheme refund point?

The scheme also gives charities, clubs, and community groups some new and easy ways to raise funds by either registering as a donation partner, starting a collection drive, or running a refund point. Businesses also have an opportunity to participate by partnering with Visy to become an over-the-counter refund location.

“We save up our bottles and cans for a few weeks, and then take them to the reverse vending machine.” Says Preston local, Isaac.

“It’s fun to use and it’s good for the environment, plus I get to keep the money!”

We look forward to seeing the scheme continue to grow and thrive in Darebin, reducing litter and landfill waste while providing some additional income to community groups, businesses, and individuals.

To find out more, become a donation partner, or view all the refund points in Darebin visit [cdsvic.org.au](https://cdsvic.org.au)

## HEADING BACK TO SCHOOL SAFELY

It’s back to school soon for students and School Crossing Supervisors using one of Darebin’s 112 crossings!

School Crossing Supervisor Julie urges everyone to travel safely during drop-off and pick-up times and to be mindful of children and Crossing Supervisors.

“Keep an eye out for us in our bright yellow coats and please be alert and aware around crossings as everyone heads back to school.” Julie says.

Drivers, please remember that the speed limit is 40km/h in school zones.



For more information or to register your interest in becoming a Crossing Supervisor visit [darebin.vic.gov.au/schoolcrossings](https://darebin.vic.gov.au/schoolcrossings)

## TWILIGHT KINDER OPEN EVENINGS



Discover your family’s options for 3 and 4-year-old kinder at Darebin’s Twilight Kindergarten Open Evenings this March.

Local kindergartens will be open for tours between 6pm to 8pm on:

- Tuesday 5 March - kindergartens south of Bell Street
- Thursday 7 March - kindergartens north of Bell Street

If you can’t make it to this year’s Open Evenings, you can contact long day care or kinder services directly, at any time, to arrange a personal tour.

Visit our website for a list of participating services [darebin.vic.gov.au/kindergarten](https://darebin.vic.gov.au/kindergarten)

### HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR KINDERGARTEN?

Kindergarten encourages a love of learning. Children who go to kinder are more independent and more likely to make a smooth transition to primary school.

If your child will be attending kindergarten next year, register by 30 June this year to be eligible for round one offers.

Registrations will open on 1 March at [darebin.vic.gov.au/kindergarten](https://darebin.vic.gov.au/kindergarten)

# DAREBIN: YOUR PLACE, OUR PURPOSE!

Darebin Council delivers over 100 essential services to our diverse community - everything from road safety and kerbside waste to immunisations and home care. Throughout the year, we'll be highlighting some of the great services you can access.



**BORROW ITEMS IN YOUR PREFERRED LANGUAGE, CONNECT AND ATTEND EVENTS - IT'S ALL FREE!**



## LIBRARIES

Child and Youth Librarian, Lei enjoys being part of Darebin's network of four libraries that provide the community with a wide range of resources and programs as well as a welcoming place to connect.

*"When I moved to Australia, Darebin Libraries helped me resettle. Now I work here and help other people to borrow books, improve their English, use computers and get to know Australia. I also enjoy delivering Rhyme Times, Storytimes and Bi-lingual Storytimes to babies and pre-schoolers."* says Lei.



**COUNCIL FACILITATES THE REGISTRATION OF 17,000 PETS EACH YEAR IN DAREBIN.**



## LOCAL LAWS

Local Laws Investigations Officer Jessica enjoys engaging with the community and helping solve their issues.

*"Local Laws officers respond to various concerns raised by residents, such as unsightly properties, footpath trading permits, significant tree protection, overhanging vegetation, animal registration, and issues related to dog behaviour such as barking or attacks. Additionally, we conduct park patrols to ensure that individuals maintain effective control over their animals."* says Jessica



**WE COLLECT OVER 50,000 TONNES OF KERBSIDE RECYCLING AND ORGANIC WASTE EACH YEAR.**



## WASTE

Matt enjoys his varied days collecting green waste across Darebin. He especially enjoys a quick chat with residents.

*"I'm a solo waste truck operator collecting green waste. Once the job's done collecting the bins we take it out to Veolia Organics in Bulla, tip it off there and it's all turned into compost and mulch."* says Matt.

Find out more about how Lei, Jess and Matt support the community at [darebin.vic.gov.au/services](https://darebin.vic.gov.au/services)

## JOIN US AT OUR MEETINGS IN 2024!

Would you like to come along to a Council or Planning Committee meeting? All community members are welcome to attend.

The following are meeting dates for 2024. These dates are also available on our website.

Council meetings and Planning Committee meetings will be held at Council Chamber, **350 High St, Preston** and will also have the option for community members to attend online.

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Planning Committee	Monday 12 February	6.30pm	Council Chamber. Online attendance available.
Ordinary Council	Monday 26 February	6pm	Council Chamber. Online attendance available.
Planning Committee	Tuesday 12 March	6.30pm	Council Chamber. Online attendance available.
Ordinary Council	Monday 25 March	6pm	Council Chamber. Online attendance available.
Planning Committee	Monday 8 April	6pm	Council Chamber. Online attendance available.
Ordinary Council	Monday 29 April	6pm	Council Chamber. Online attendance available.
Planning Committee	Monday 13 May	6.30pm	Council Chamber. Online attendance available.
Ordinary Council	Monday 27 May	6pm	Council Chamber. Online attendance available.
Planning Committee	Monday 17 June	6.30pm	Council Chamber. Online attendance available.
Ordinary Council	Monday 25 June	6pm	Council Chamber. Online attendance available.
Planning Committee	Monday 8 July	6.30pm	Council Chamber. Online attendance available.
Ordinary Council	Monday 22 July	6pm	Council Chamber. Online attendance available.
Planning Committee	Monday 12 August	6.30pm	Council Chamber. Online attendance available.
Ordinary Council	Monday 26 August	6pm	Council Chamber. Online attendance available.
Planning Committee	Monday 9 September	6.30pm	Council Chamber. Online attendance available.
Ordinary Council	Monday 23 September	6pm	Council Chamber. Online attendance available.
Planning Committee	Monday 7 October	6.30pm	Council Chamber. Online attendance available.
Ordinary Council	Monday 21 October	6pm	Council Chamber. Online attendance available.

To find out more visit [darebin.vic.gov.au/council-committee-meetings](https://darebin.vic.gov.au/council-committee-meetings).  
You can choose your preferred language from the drop-down menu at the top of the page.

## HAVE YOUR SAY

We're committed to building a fair, inclusive, and equitable Darebin, which is why we put residents, business owners, and the community at the heart of our decisions.

Community engagement makes it easier for everyone to be part of important conversations about the shared future of our city and gives you a voice in Council's decision-making.

In 2024, we'll be asking for your input on a number of policies, projects and initiatives including our Draft Leasing and Licencing Policy, LGBTIQ+ Action Plan, our 2024/25 Budget and lots more.

Find out more at [yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au](https://yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au)



# WHAT'S ON



## BUNDOORA GOLF COURSE

### Movie on the Golf Greens

Join us for a fun, family friendly event and watch the classic movie Babe on the greens at Bundoora Park Public Golf Course.

**Saturday 17th February**  
**7.30pm for an 8pm movie start**  
**\$5 Adults, Kids under 3 years free**

Food and drinks available for purchase. Licensed café. BYO chairs and rugs.

Find out more and book at [bundooraparkpublicgolfcourse.com.au/movie-on-the-greens](http://bundooraparkpublicgolfcourse.com.au/movie-on-the-greens)

## NORTHCOTE GOLF COURSE

### Glow in the Dark FootGolf

Join us for Glow in the Dark FootGolf fun and a sausage sizzle at Northcote Public Golf Course.

**Saturday 16th March**  
**7.30pm**  
**Adults \$25, Kids 16 years and under \$15, kids under 3 free (must be accompanied by a paying adult)**

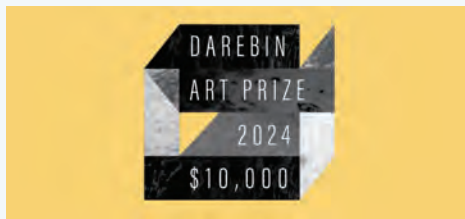
Find out more and book at [trybooking.com/CNGGT](http://trybooking.com/CNGGT)  
 Ticket includes Glow in the Dark FootGolf and sausage sizzle. Food and drink available for purchase. License Café. BYO chairs and rugs.



## MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL

Darebin Council is returning to Midsumma Festival, an annual three-week queer arts festival attracting a crowd of 120,000. We'll be celebrating and supporting the LGBTIQ+ communities of Darebin and beyond by engaging with our community during Midsumma Carnival on **Sunday 21 January 2024**, marching at the Pride March on **Sunday 4 February 2024** and enjoying Victoria's Pride Street Party on **Sunday 11 February**. See you this Midsumma!

Find out more and register at [midsumma.org.au](http://midsumma.org.au)



## DAREBIN ART PRIZE 2024

The Darebin Art Prize is back in 2024 celebrating the outstanding work of contemporary Australian artists. This exhibition brings artwork together across all media from painting, drawing, photography, sculpture and craft, through to video art and more! Finalists from across Australia are represented in this major exhibition which includes a \$10,000 acquisitive prize and \$1,000 People's Choice Award. Showing until Saturday 23 March.

Find out more at: [arts.darebin.vic.gov.au/BHAC-exhibitions](http://arts.darebin.vic.gov.au/BHAC-exhibitions)



## DAREBIN INTERCULTURAL CENTRE

### Lunar New Year

Join us to welcome in the Year of the Dragon with performances, workshops and more!

**12th - 16th Feb**  
**Free, no bookings required.**

### Launch of IC Nights

Celebrate the launch of our monthly social nights for all ages. Meet new people and learn about other cultures through games, music, international snacks, and chats with people from different backgrounds. Come alone or bring a friend!

**Wednesday 21st Feb 6pm-8pm**  
**Free. Register to be included in catering of light snacks and non-alcoholic drinks.**

Find out more at [darebin.vic.gov.au/interculturalcentre](http://darebin.vic.gov.au/interculturalcentre)

## DAREBIN LIBRARIES

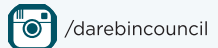
### Summer of Film

This Summer Darebin Libraries is hosting a free Summer Film Festival!

Keep out of the heat at film screenings for the whole family. Please check the classification before booking.

**Tuesday 9 January - Tuesday 30 January. Free event but bookings essential! Call Darebin Libraries on 1300 655 355**

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### NATIONAL RELAY SERVICE

[relayservice.gov.au](http://relayservice.gov.au)  
 If you are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment, contact us through the National Relay Service.

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