



Darebin CALD Elder Community Leader of the Year 2021 Rosa Vasseghi, Darebin Ethnic Communities Council Chairperson Nalliah Suriyakumaran and Darebin Young Citizen of the Year 2021 Kalep TeoKoitu at the Open Day for the new Darebin Intercultural Centre.

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READY TO MAKE A SPLASH

Water polo players across Darebin are getting excited about the community’s redeveloped Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre opening its doors later this year.

Local player Max says water polo has been lifechanging and he can’t wait to be able to train at the new centre when it opens.

“Water polo is a great sport. You are all working in a team, helping each other out, making new friends and making kids more confident around water,” Max says.

“The new facility will allow us to do more training and attract new members.”

Fellow Northcote Water Polo Club member Angelina, who lives in Preston, encourages everyone across Darebin who is interested to try water polo with the club.

“Our team is very welcoming and friendly,” Angelina says.

Parent Belle says the club prides itself on being very inclusive.

“We have two non-binary players in our teams and we have felt welcomed in the water polo community,” she says.

The Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre reached its end-of-life and was determined through the 2017-2021 Council Plan to be redeveloped to meet the needs of Darebin’s growing population well into the future.

Set to open later this year, it will provide everyone across the community indoor and outdoor pools, including a warm water pool, an all-accessible Changing Place, and health and wellbeing programs.

To find out more visit darebin.vic.gov.au/narc-redevelopment and choose your preferred language from the drop-down menu at the top of the page.



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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

It was wonderful to meet our community heroes, the nominees and recipients of our annual Darebin Community Awards this year. It is incredible to hear about the care and contribution that so many people put into making Darebin such a welcoming and inclusive community. Thanks to everyone who was part of this year's awards and congratulations to our winners. You can read all about them on pages 4-5.

We are also excited to see the new Darebin Intercultural Centre welcoming the community through its doors in Council's municipal buildings in Preston. I love that we have transformed what were Council staff offices into a beautiful new vibrant space for our diverse community. You can read more on pages 6-7.

We have a fantastic new feature in this edition – Darebin Children's News! Check it out on page 10, it has a beautiful First Nations artwork to colour in, and a fun fact from Wurundjeri language, plus the latest on playgrounds and our Toy Library.

Finally, if you are interested in creating a haven for local wildlife, big or small, please check out our Gardens for Wildlife program on page 9.

There's plenty of more great news in DCN Autumn 2023, so please enjoy.

Cr Julie Williams
Mayor



GRANTS CONNECT COMMUNITY

For the Darebin Information, Volunteer and Resource Service (DIVRS), a Darebin Council Partnership Grant has helped them to support the community

DIVRS Community Support Program Leader Fiona says their service is a first port of call for people wanting help with personal or financial issues.

“We connect people to opportunity, community and support. If people are impacted by cost-of-living increases, we may be able to help,” Fiona says.

“We can speak to people in language so if English is not your first language, we have volunteers or translation services to assist.”

DIVRS Urban Food Program Leader Holly says they share food with people – fresh fruit and vegetables, pantry essentials, bread and frozen meals.

“Through the Darebin Partnership Grant we're able to continue our Urban Food Program, where our volunteers grow and harvest fresh leafy and salad greens and fruit from the Darebin Urban Orchard to then share with people in Darebin through our Community Support Program,” Holly says.

For more information, visit divrs.org.au, call 9480 8200 or drop by at 285-287 High Street, Preston.

Darebin's grant programs support projects that make Darebin a better, healthier, sustainable and more inclusive place.

For more information, including Community Grants now open for applications, visit darebin.vic.gov.au/darebin-grants and select your preferred language from the drop-down menu at the top of the page.



CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY HEROES

Every year the Darebin Community Awards honour local heroes who make outstanding contributions to the community.

The 2022 awards were presented this year as part of FUSE festival at Narrandjeri Stadium, Darebin's new state-of-the-art, sustainably-designed community sports and leisure venue.

The awards were presented by Darebin Mayor, Cr Julie Williams and MC for the evening, Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Chair Uncle Alan Brown.

Mayor Williams said all nominees' achievements were a testament to what an amazing community we have here in Darebin.

"It is my honour to be here as Mayor and celebrate the many wonderful people and groups who make life so rich here in Darebin," Cr Williams said.

"These are our local heroes, people who have shown deep dedication to, and continue to inspire our Darebin community."



Joint Citizens of the Year
Nola Radiotis and
Lynette Mackenzie

Nola (pictured left) was also awarded **CALD Elder Community Leader of the Year**.

Nola is the current and longest-serving president of the Greek Women of the Northern Suburbs, 'Anemones'. Nola is an inspirational leader and role model, and works to ensure support systems are in place for elderly and vulnerable women in the community.

Lynette (Nettie) (pictured right) was also awarded the individual **Sustainability Award**.

Nettie volunteers in multiple organisations, including Oakhill Food Justice Farm and DIVRS, growing fresh produce and making it accessible to the community, as well as propagating seedlings for gardens and schools.



Young Citizen of the Year
Rosie Thyer

Rosie worked to create peer connection during the challenging time of remote learning during COVID-19 lockdowns. An active advocate for young people, she is Centre for Multicultural Youth chairperson, a Darebin Council Young Citizens Jury member and was recently appointed to the Victorian Government Multicultural Commission Multicultural Youth Network.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Emerging Young Community Leader of the Year
Zion Akarana

Zion was born on Yipirinya country in Mparntwe, Alice Springs. He is an Anangu Pitjantjatjara Arrernte Ngāti Kahungunu Nga Puhi man, having both Aboriginal and Māori heritage. Zion joined 3KND two years ago as a technical and administrative trainee. A role model for young people, he assists Elders, staff and community members to take up new technologies.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Leader of the Year

Nikita Rotumah

Nikita is an Aboriginal youth mental health worker by trade, and a boxer. The Gunditjmara and Bunitj woman founded the CROW (Courageous Resilient Original Warrior) Youth Boxing Program, a culturally safe program for First Nations young people and allies to learn the sport of boxing.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Leader of the Year - Special Commendations

Aunty Rieo Ellis and
Aunty Cecily Atkinson

Special Commendations were awarded to Aunty Rieo and Aunty Cecily, who typify the role local Elders play, holding a prominent place in our communities and families.

Aunty Rieo (pictured left) is a proud Waka Waka Bundjalung woman and co-founder of Grandmothers Against Removals - Victoria. Aunty Rieo is a long-term Darebin resident well known for her big smile and heart.

Aunty Cecily (pictured right) is a proud Mutti Mutti Wamba Wamba Barapa Yorta Yorta woman and Thornbury resident. She has volunteered her time to lead a First Nations Grandmothers Group through Bridge Darebin, as well as organising group lunches and women's pottery classes.



Community Group of the Year

Dance & Roll

The Victorian Paradance Association runs Dance & Roll, a weekly year-round all-ages dance class at Darebin Arts Centre for people with disability. Participants engage in dance and body movement that contribute to connection, community, health and happiness. This group is operated with the support of Rocca Salcedo and the Victorian Paradance Association Board.



Community Group of the Year - Special Commendations

3KND (Kool and Deadly) and
The Rezzadent

The 'Voice of Indigenous Victoria', 3KND is Melbourne's first Indigenous-owned AM radio station. Established in 2003, the Darebin-based station broadcasts on Wurundjeri lands across the Kulin Nation, giving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members across Victoria the chance to share their experiences, concerns, perspectives and information.



The Rezzadent is a free bi-monthly community newspaper, created in September 2021. Proudly made by locals for locals, *The Rezzadent* is run by volunteers and is open to anyone and everyone who lives in 3073.



Sustainability Award

Community Group of the Year

Span Community House Inc.

Span Community House Inc. delivers the 'RRR Hub' project, which focuses on engaging the Darebin community to repair, reuse and recycle more to avoid waste, reduce their carbon footprint and contribute to the local circular economy.



Sustainability Award Individual - Special Commendation

Charles Sandford

Charles (Charlie) has been a consistent environmental leader over many years in his business, Charles Sandford and McKay Joinery. He generously shares his knowledge with other businesses and works with them. Always the first to raise his hand in agreeing to spread the word and speak at Green Business Networking events, he is a true champion of sustainability.



Lifetime Achievement Award

Carolyn Lunt

Carolyn's passion, commitment and cultural knowledge on land development and the Merri Creek is legendary. This year marks Carolyn's 40th year volunteering along the Merri Creek. She established the Friends of Parade in 1983 and has devoted her life to achieving positive environmental outcomes, advocacy, animal care and conservation. She is also a passionate early childhood educator and an artist.



“WELCOMING TO EVERYONE”: NEW DAREBIN INTERCULTURAL CENTRE

Darebin’s diverse community has a brand new space, with the purpose-built Darebin Intercultural Centre opening in the heart of Preston.

Designed in partnership with Wurundjeri Woi wurrung Traditional Owners and members of Darebin’s diverse community, you can find the new Intercultural Centre on the corner of High and Gower streets, in former Council office spaces now transformed for community use.

The new Centre is a place where people from across the community can meet and build respect and understanding for each other’s cultures, through conversation, planned programs and events.

Darebin Ethnic Communities Council Chairperson Nalliah Suriyakumaran says the new Intercultural Centre is “vital”.

“In Darebin we are creating a community that comes together and is engaged, where people feel comfortable and included,” Nalliah says.

“The new Centre is welcoming to everyone and this is the way forward.”

Darebin Mayor, Councillor Julie Williams is pleased to welcome the community to this exciting new space.

“The Darebin Intercultural Centre represents a significant step forward in fostering inclusion and understanding among people from diverse cultural, linguistic and religious backgrounds,” Cr Williams says.

“The Centre is a shining example of celebrating diversity to create a more inclusive, compassionate, and harmonious world and to help build stronger, more connected communities.”

We welcome everyone to come in, connect and enjoy this exciting new community space.

To read this article or find out more go to darebin.vic.gov.au/interculturalcentreopens and select your preferred language from the drop-down menu at the top of the page.

“WELCOMING TO EVERYONE”: NEW DAREBIN INTERCULTURAL CENTRE

انتقل مركز Darebin Intercultural إلى مساحة مبنية لهذا الغرض مصممة نسبة لـ المالكين Wurundjeri Woi wurrung التقليديين وأعضاء مجتمعنا المتنوع. ويمكن للناس الالتقاء في المركز الجديد وبناء الاحترام والفهم لثقافات بعضهم البعض، من خلال المحادثة والبرامج والفعاليات المخطط لها.

戴瑞宾跨文化中心 (Darebin Intercultural Centre) 现已搬迁至我们与Wurundjeri Woi wurrung传统土地所有人及本市多元文化社区成员共同设计的专用空间。新中心是一个可供人们聚会并通过对话、规划项目和活动建立相互尊重及理解彼此文化的场所。

Το Διαπολιτισμικό Κέντρο του Darebin μετακόμισε σε έναν ειδικά σχεδιασμένο χώρο με τους Παραδοσιακούς Ιδιοκτήτες Wurundjeri Woi wurrung και μέλη της ποικιλόμορφης κοινότητάς μας. Το νέο Κέντρο είναι ένα μέρος όπου οι άνθρωποι μπορούν να συναντηθούν και να οικοδομήσουν σεβασμό και κατανόηση για τον πολιτισμό των άλλων, μέσω συζητήσεων, προγραμματισμένων προγραμμάτων και εκδηλώσεων.

डारेबिन इंटरकल्चरल सेंटर एक विशिष्ट उद्देश्य से बनाए गए स्थान पर चला गया है जिसे वुरंडजेरी वोई वुरंग के पारंपरिक मालिकों और हमारे विविधतापूर्ण समुदाय के सदस्यों के साथ मिलकर डिज़ाइन किया गया है। नया केंद्र एक ऐसी जगह है जहां लोग बातचीत, नियोजित कार्यक्रमों और इवेंट्स के माध्यम से एक-दूसरे की संस्कृतियों को समझने और उनका सम्मान करने के लिए मिल सकते हैं।

Il Darebin Intercultural Center si è trasferito in uno spazio appositamente costruito e progettato con i proprietari tradizionali Wurundjeri Woi wurrung e membri della nostra variegata comunità. Il nuovo Centro è un luogo in cui le persone possono incontrarsi e creare rispetto e comprensione per le reciproche culture tramite conversazioni, programmi pianificati ed eventi.

Интеркултурниот центар Даребин се пресели во наменски изградени простории дизајнирани со традиционалните сопственици Wurundjeri Woi wurrung и членови на нашата разновидна заедница. Новиот Центар е место каде што луѓето можат да се сретнат и да изградат почит и разбирање за меѓусебните култури, преку разговор, планирани програми и настани.

Darebin Intercultural Centre (अन्तरसांस्कृतिक केन्द्र) Wurundjeri Woi wurrung का परम्परागत मालिकहरू र हाम्रो विविध समुदायका सदस्यहरूसँगको सहकार्यमा डिजाइन गरिएको सुविधायुक्त नयाँ स्थानमा सरेको छ। यो नयाँ केन्द्र यस्तो एक ठाउँ हो जहाँ मानिसहरू भेटघाट गर्न सक्छन् र एक अर्काको संस्कृतिप्रति सम्मान र समझदारी, कुराकानी, योजनाबद्ध कार्यक्रमहरू र कार्यक्रमहरू मार्फत विकास गर्न सक्छन्।

डैराबिन अंतर्-सभ्भाचारक केंदर (इंटरकलचरल सेंटर) इस भवसद लछी घबछी नरुा विंच चला गिआ है निस नुं वुरुंडजेरी वी वुरंग दे रवाइती मालकां अते साडे वंन-सुवनें बायीचारे दे मैबरां नाल रल के डिजाइन कीता है। नवां केंदर अनिजी नरुा है जिंघे लेक गल्लब्राउ, जेननाबय पुरगरामां अते समारामां राहीं ऐक दूजे दे सभ्भाचारं नाल सांझ पा सकदे रन अते इरनां वासते आदर अते समझ पैदा कर सकदे रन।

Xarunta Isdhexgalka dhaqanka ee Darebin waxay u guurtay goob ujeedo loo dhisay oo ay naqshadeeyeen Wurundjeri Woi wurrung mulkiilayaasha dhaqameed iyo xubnaha bulshadeena ah ee kala duwan. Xarunta cusub waa goob ay dadku ku kulmi karaan oo ay ku dhisii karaan xushmada iyo isfahamka midba midka kale dhaqankiisa, iyadoo lawada sheekaysanayo, ee munaasabadahana iyo barnaamijyada qorsheysan.

El Darebin Intercultural Centre (Centro Intercultural Darebin) se mudó a un sitio especialmente diseñado con los Propietarios tradicionales Wurundjeri Woi wurrung y miembros de nuestra diversa comunidad. El nuevo Centro es un lugar donde las personas pueden reunirse y desarrollar el respeto y la comprensión de las culturas de cada uno, a través de conversaciones, programas planificados y eventos.

ڈیئرین انٹرکالجریل سنٹر خاص طور پر سنٹر کے مقصد سے بنائے گئے مقام پر منتقل ہو گیا ہے جو Wurundjeri Woi wurrung روایتی مالکان اور ہماری متنوع کمیونٹی کے ساتھ مل کر ڈیزائن کیا گیا ہے۔ یہ نیا سنٹر ایک ایسا مقام ہے جہاں لوگ اکٹھے ہو سکتے ہیں اور بات چیت، پلان کیے گئے پروگراموں اور ایونٹس کے ذریعے ایک دوسرے کے کلچر کا احترام اور فہم پیدا کر سکتے ہیں۔

Trung tâm Liên văn hóa Darebin đã dời đến địa điểm đã được xây dựng đúng mục đích và đã thiết kế cùng với các Chủ sở hữu Cổ hữu Wurundjeri Woi wurrung và những người trong cộng đồng đa dạng của chúng ta. Trung tâm mới là nơi mọi người có thể gặp nhau và xây dựng sự tôn trọng cũng như hiểu biết về các nền văn hóa của nhau, thông qua trò chuyện, các chương trình và sự kiện theo kế hoạch.

RESIDENT PARKING PERMIT POLICY, HAVE YOUR SAY - STAGE 2

Thank you to everyone who took part in our engagement on the draft Parking Permit Policy across all of Darebin in October and November last year.

Your input helped us shape the draft policy and we are now coming back to ask your feedback again.

The Parking Permit Policy outlines who can get parking permits in streets where parking restrictions are already in place. It is not about introducing new parking restriction areas.

Since it was first introduced, our diverse community has continued to grow and change, as have our parking needs, so it's time to update it.

Last October and November we presented four options to consider and asked for your ideas. More than 630 people responded, providing valuable feedback that helped shape the draft policy.

Now, from 17 April to 28 May we're inviting you to have your say again.

What do you think about the draft policy? Tell us if you think it will meet the community's needs, or if it can be improved.

Find out more and complete the survey in your preferred language from 17 April to 28 May at yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au/parkingpolicy

2023/24 BUDGET PLANNING

Thank you to everyone who took part in the first stage of our 2023/24 Budget Planning community engagement, which wrapped up in February.

We received more than 530 contributions, which will help us understand what's important to you and shape the 2023/24 Draft Budget, our 4-Year Budget and support the review of our Council Plan and 10-Year Financial Plan. This work will ensure we can best meet our diverse community's needs in this financially challenging time.

We'll be checking in with the community again in May, before Council adopts the 2023/24 Budget.

To find out more visit yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au/budget2023-24 and choose your preferred language from the drop-down menu at the top of the page.



FROM FAIRFIELD TO BUNDOORA, IT'S YOUR STREET, YOUR SAY

From Fairfield to Bundoora, Your Street, Your Say is your chance to help improve our streets and neighbourhoods for everyone who lives, works, studies or travels through Darebin.

Rolled out progressively across Darebin, Your Street, Your Say asks for your ideas about walking, cycling, scooting, driving and playing in your local area. This helps us identify what's most needed to improve our streets.

Recently, people provided ideas for the 'Group B' Northcote East/Fairfield, Alphington, Thornbury East and Bundoora/Macleod areas.

This is helping us draft a plan with key improvements to make it safer and easier for people to move around.

The draft plan may include new pedestrian crossings, speed limit changes or other place-making ideas.

In June we will ask for your feedback on these draft plans for 'Group B'.

Later this year we will also ask for ideas from people in the 'Group C' areas - Northcote West, Preston East and Reservoir East.

Thank you to everyone across the community for contributing to Your Street, Your Say and helping make Darebin a great place to live, work and play for everyone.

Find out more and stay up-to-date in your preferred language through Your Street, Your Say on yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au/ysysgroupb



BRINGING BACK THE BIRDS AND THE BEES

Darebin local Jill is bringing wildlife and neighbours together on her street through the Gardens for Wildlife program.

Jill booked a garden visit with two trained volunteer Garden Guides, who gave advice on planting out her nature strip to help attract bees, butterflies and birds.

“If I’m out watering or weeding on the nature strip, people may stop by to admire and to chat and some become interested themselves. It’s one of many ways of bringing the street together,” Jill says.

“In acknowledging our huge loss of biodiversity, this is one small way of taking action.”

Privately-owned gardens, balconies and courtyards make up two thirds of land in Darebin.

Whether you are a household, school, business or community group with a big backyard, a small courtyard, a nature strip, community garden, or pot plants on your balcony, you can join Gardens for Wildlife and help restore healthy, connected ecosystems for plants and animals.

You don’t need to book a Garden Guide visit – you can get started on your own with help from resources on our website, or visit any indigenous nursery in Darebin to get expert advice.

Top tips for creating your own Garden for Wildlife

1. Planting your nature strip with the right species is a great way to reduce long-term maintenance while supporting biodiversity. Complete the form on our website to find out more before you start planting.
2. Ditch insect zappers and unnecessary lighting. Insect zappers kill thousands of moths and other useful insects that fly at night. Overly bright lights deter night birds like owls and bats and interfere with insect and bird migration.
3. Mulch is good! It suppresses weeds, helps retain moisture, returns carbon to the soil, moderates soil temperature and prevents erosion. Over time it is broken down by fungi, invertebrates and soil microbes, which in turn provides food for other species such as birds and lizards. Amazing!

Darebin’s Gardens for Wildlife program – part of the Gardens for Wildlife Victoria network – is volunteer-run and supported by Darebin Council and the Darebin Nature Trust.

Registrations are open for in-person and virtual garden visits, but places are limited.

To register and find out more visit darebin.vic.gov.au/gardensforwildlife and choose your preferred language from the drop-down menu at the top of the page.

PLANTING OUT HIGH STREET

Everyone loves a tree-lined street, and part of our 10 Big Actions in the 2021-2025 Council Plan is to increase tree canopy coverage in retail precincts.

To help deliver this, from March to May we will plant about 100 trees along the High Street shopping

precinct, with support from the Victorian Government Living Local Suburban Grants Program.

We will do our best to minimise inconveniences to businesses and the public, but there may be some minor unavoidable disruptions.

If you would like to learn more about this tree-planting project, please visit darebin.vic.gov.au/trees-on-council-land or call us on (03) 8470 8435.

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Darebin Children's News

All the latest news for Darebin's young people.



TOY LIBRARY

You might go to your local library to borrow books, but did you know we also have a library in Darebin that's especially for borrowing toys?

It's free to become a member of our Toy Library, and you can choose up to three toys to take home for three weeks at a time. We have hundreds of fun toys to choose from and they're suitable for children up to six years old. By borrowing rather than buying new toys, you're helping the environment too.

Your parent, grandparent, or carer can become a member and find out more at darebin.vic.gov.au/toylibrary

DAREBIN FACT

Did you know Darebin (or darabin) is the Wurundjeri word for 'swallow'?

The Welcome Swallow is a migratory bird that can be seen darting, gliding and swooping in search of insects throughout Darebin. Its return to Victoria from northern Australia marks the beginning of the season of 'Regeneration and Women's Business' in the Kulin calendar. You may know this season as spring.

See if you can spot a Welcome Swallow around Darebin before they head north for the colder months soon.

PLAYGROUND NEWS

Darebin families are loving AG Davis Reserve on Wood Street in Preston. All-new climbing equipment and platforms, rockers, slides and swings for all ages and abilities are welcome enhancements to a popular playground.

"I love the new spider web climber and rock wall because I like to climb things," says Mary. "The new swings are really cool but I'm glad the clown swing is still here too!"

Some other recently renewed Darebin parks are: Horton Street Playground and CH Sullivan Memorial Park in Reservoir and HP Zwar Park in Preston.

How many can you visit this autumn?

Bataluk the lizard. Bataluk is the Gunnai language word for lizard from East Gippsland.



This beautiful artwork was created especially for you to colour in by Uncle Ray Thomas. Uncle Ray is a proud Gunnai man of East Gippsland, who lives in Darebin. He has been painting and creating since the 1980s and Darebin is honoured to be home to several public artworks by Uncle Ray.

Find out more at arts.darebin.vic.gov.au/collections/public-art-collection

FROM OLIVES TO OIL

Darebin local Nina Collins can't wait for the annual Olives to Oil Harvest Festival this May.

"It's a highlight of my year and it gives me something to share with my elderly neighbours," Nina says.

Every year Olives to Oil brings people together to harvest olives to be pressed into delicious local olive oil.

The festival highlights the importance of local food in our communities as well as recognising the wonderful heritage of diverse food cultures we enjoy.

For Nina it provides a connection to her family's heritage.

"When I spoke to my dad, he said that's what they did at his village," Nina says.

"They would have a wine press and an olive press and it would be a community event where you would be able to share tips and advice."



The free festival at CERES in Brunswick East on Sunday 21 May includes music, workshops and a hand-operated press for those who want to have a go at turning olives into oil.

You can also drop off your olives and speak with our team about food and garden waste recycling at CERES Fair Food in Preston on the same day.

Olives to Oil is presented in partnership with Darebin, Merri-Bek and Yarra Councils and with support from the Victorian Government.

For more information visit darebin.vic.gov.au/sustainable-food and choose your preferred language from the drop-down menu at the top of the page.

ARE YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNISATIONS UP TO DATE?



You can make sure your child is up-to-date with their immunisations by coming along to Darebin Council's free immunisation sessions.

Childhood immunisations are due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 12 months, 18 months, and 4 years of age.

Immunising your child on time is important so you can protect them and their peers against serious illness, access services like childcare and kindergarten, and be eligible for certain family payments.

You can check your child's immunisation status on the Australian Immunisation Register

using your myGov account, or ask our Immunisation team for help on 03 8470 8562 or email immunise@darebin.vic.gov.au.

Our free immunisation sessions are held across the community in Reservoir, Preston, Northcote and Fairfield.

Let's all do our part to get immunised and keep our community safe!

For immunisation session dates, times and venues visit darebin.vic.gov.au/immunisation and choose your preferred language from the drop-down menu at the top of the page.

WHAT'S ON



AUTUMN BIKE PROGRAM

LEARN BASIC BIKE MAINTENANCE SKILLS

Our Basic Bike Maintenance workshops at Reservoir Leisure Centre are fun, friendly and social.

They're also a great opportunity to meet other local bike riders and boost your skills and confidence.

In this 3-hour, small group workshop you'll learn how to keep your bike in top condition and leave ready to fix a puncture, take care of your chain and much more!

Upcoming workshops run from 1-4pm on:

- Saturday 6 May
- Sunday 7 May
- Saturday 20 May
- Sunday 21 May

FREE BIKE CHECKS

Come on down for a free 20-minute bike check in Northcote or Reservoir. Meet the friendly mechanics from WeCycle and Dr Cranky's and get your bike into top shape. Grab a free bike map from us while you're there. We're keen to help with journey planning, bike skills courses and local riding tips.

Our free bike check program is supported by the Victorian Department of Transport and Planning.

Find out more and book your place at darebin.vic.gov.au/bikeskills



COMING UP AT DAREBIN LIBRARIES

IDAHOBIT STORYTIMES

11.15am

- Tuesday 16 May, Northcote Library
- Wednesday 17 May, Preston Library
- Friday 19 May, Reservoir Library
- Friday 19 May, Fairfield Library

Join us for a week of special storytimes where we will celebrate rainbow families and the diverse shapes and sizes that families can come in! Dress in rainbow colours and join in some fun rainbow craft activities. This event is suitable for children aged two to five years.

AUTHOR TALK - UNDEFEATED

2pm, Sunday 18 June
Reservoir Library

Undeclared is a project by Professional Migrant Women and is a collection of stories from 90 migrant women, who against all odds, overcame the challenges and barriers of living in a foreign land, speaking a different language, and being singled out for the wrong reason. Join some of the authors as they discuss their book *Undeclared*.

Numbers are limited. Bookings essential for these free Darebin Libraries events at libraries.darebin.vic.gov.au/events



Photo by Darren Gill

CROCODILES BY VIDYA RAJAN

Presented by Darebin Arts Speakeasy and Elbow Room

Acclaimed playwright and screenwriter Vidya Rajan (*In Search of Lost Scroll*, *Looking for Alibrandi*) weaves a poignant, surreal black comedy about those who exist outside the centre of Australia's aged-care system.

Crocodiles is a playful and intelligent exploration of who gets to make mistakes, and who cleans up the mess.

Brought to the stage by award-winning Melbourne theatre company **Elbow Room** (*Enlightenment*, *Prehistoric*), and featuring **Rachel Kamath** (*Shantaram*) and **Shamita Sivabalan** (*Coconut*).

Approximate running time: 70 minutes, no interval.

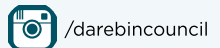
24 May - 4 June
Wednesday to Saturday at 7.30pm
and Sundays at 5pm

Northcote Town Hall Arts Centre
\$38 Full | \$30 Conc. | \$33 Darebin Residents | \$20 Preview | \$15 Blak Tix*

*This event offers discounted tickets to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members in acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of these lands.

Find out more and book your tickets at arts.darebin.vic.gov.au/crocodiles

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