



It's almost budget time! Have your say before we finalise our 2024-25 Annual Budget.

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## DAREBIN'S EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES BEAT NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARDS

Our Early Childhood Education and Care services performed better than the National Quality Standard!

An independent study by the State Government's Early Childhood Education and Care Workforce Strategy found a higher proportion of Darebin's 65 Early Childhood Education and Care services are rated as Exceeding the National Quality Standards compared to services nationally.

23% of services nationally, and 28% of services in Victoria are rated as Exceeding National Quality Standards. In Darebin 33% of services are rated as Exceeding NQS!

Darebin's Children and Community Development Unit supports the needs of families and early childhood education and care services by providing:

- Multicultural outreach workers – supporting over 200 families
- Registration teams
- Preschool field officers – building educator capacity in funded kinder programs to include children with diverse learning needs
- Best Start program – working with community and early childhood professionals to improve outcomes for vulnerable children, resulting in an 85% increase in kinder enrolments for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children last year
- Resource and support team – a mobile van borrowing service and professional development and networking opportunities for educators

We couldn't be prouder of Darebin's Early Childhood Education and Care services.

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



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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

What an exciting first few months as Mayor of Darebin!

A real highlight has been granting Australian citizenship to 200 Darebin residents. Following Council's decision to no longer celebrate on 26 January, Darebin was stripped of our right to hold citizenship ceremonies for five years. Now that we can hold ceremonies again, I'm so proud to be able to welcome our new citizens as Mayor, but also to highlight First Nations communities' strength and leadership in Darebin.

We were the first city in the world to declare a climate emergency in 2016 and to take urgent action to address it, such as driving the award-winning Victorian Energy Collaboration (VECO) where 51 councils across Victoria have switched to renewable energy, and building Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre, Australia's first all-electric indoor outdoor aquatic centre. We've just finished community consultation about our second climate emergency plan – you can read about the outcomes and our new plan in the coming months at [yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au/climate](https://yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au/climate)

In this great edition of DCN you'll learn about Dole Reserve Wetlands – a recently completed project in Reservoir that will help us meet strategic Council goals while building climate change resilience; the Gardens for Wildlife Program; and the fantastic achievements of Darebin's Early Childhood Education and Care services.

Keep reading for info about how to get involved in our upcoming 2024-25 Budget community engagement plus a fantastic article about local legend Auntie Diane Kerr and her connection to Darebin by Uncle Charles Pakana.

I look forward to meeting you as I get out and about in Darebin.

Cr Susanne Newton  
Mayor



## CARE FOR THE COUNTRY OF HER PEOPLE AND ANCESTORS

By Uncle Charles Pakana  
(Victorian Aboriginal News)

A great many Darebin residents are extremely proud of the length of time they and their families have lived in the area; and that pride contributes to making Darebin such a welcoming and highly liveable city.

One resident in particular, though, has a “family connection” to Darebin that stretches back significantly more than all of us... combined!

Well beyond even the 5,000 years of the earliest instance of human recorded history.

For Auntie Diane Kerr, a senior and highly respected Elder of the Wurundjeri Woi wurrung people, the Traditional Owners of the entire area - and significantly more - in which Darebin is located, the line of connection reaches back tens of thousands of years.

Auntie Di, as she is commonly known, is a familiar figure around Darebin, having conducted numerous Welcomes to Country across the city as well as being a resident. Importantly, she

has always advocated for the need to care for Country.

Darebin Community News met with Auntie Di and asked her one straightforward question: “What is it that you want all people to do in caring for Country?”

She responded: “When we [Wurundjeri Woi wurrung] provide a Welcome to Country we are providing people with access to our land, waters and resources they hold. But with that provision comes the expectation that they in turn will respect our land and waters.

“Essentially, we want people to always consider the impact they, their families, business, lifestyles and actions have on this Country that we now all share.

“It's a very simple ask, but it is an ask that can have amazing benefits for everyone!”

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

## RESERVOIR LEISURE CENTRE IS MY COMMUNITY

Being part of Reservoir Leisure Centre is being part of a community. With caring fitness instructors and pool attendees, and groups who come together to exercise and connect, RLC is an important meeting place for so many local residents and visitors.

Former kinder teacher and RLC member Lorraine says "The staff and instructors are friendly and helpful, especially those who have been here for years like me."

"Some of my former kinder students now work as lifeguards at Rezza and it's always great to see them,"

Lorraine organises monthly lunches at the centre to encourage and involve those who live alone or anyone needing a social catch up and says, "although I live in Kingsbury, Rezza is my community."

I'd be lost without the RLC. I can walk to this pool in 15 minutes, there's no other pools close enough to do that. The centre may be older, but it's what occurs inside which impresses me."

If you're an RLC regular, chances are you've met iconic instructor Jo Jones, who's worked at RLC for 14 years and before that, attended with her kids for swimming lessons.

Jo's favourite part about working at RLC are the members.

"I love chatting with everyone about their day or what's going on in their lives. Sometimes we are the only people they get to communicate with each day so it's great to be able to connect." Jo said.

Preston resident Amanda is also impressed by what's inside the centre and says "It's got a beautiful community feel."

"Everybody is really friendly and there are people who represent all walks of life. As a queer family, we feel really safe and love swimming here. All body





shapes, lots of different kids and everyone is having a great time," Amanda said.

Reservoir resident Daniella loves coming to the pool for the convenience and options for all her kids.

"It's definitely convenient to get here - we are local and they have a great range of classes to choose from, and the lessons are always in small groups so it works well," Daniella said.

"What I love most about RLC is the range of pools because I have two older boys and a younger one so when we come here socially, they all enjoy it because there's something for everyone and obviously the outdoor area is really cool."

Bundoora resident Milan said he loves it at RLC because it's nice and peaceful.

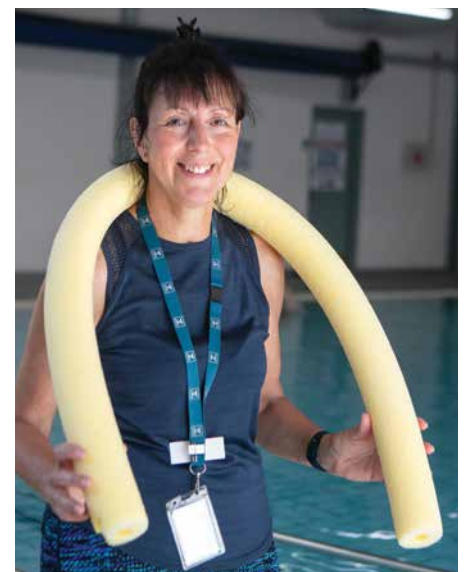
"I'm here for the fitness. I have joined the gym and I have taken swimming classes. I live nearby

and the area is nice, peaceful and beautiful," Milan said.

Pina who has instructed classes there for more than 14 years says the ladies in her class are "my aqua family" and encourages everyone to come along.

"Even if you're a new member, the ladies in my class take you under their wing." Pina said.

RLC offers a broad range of aquatics, fitness and gym services for people of all abilities.



To find out more visit [darebin.vic.gov.au/reservoirleisurecentre](https://darebin.vic.gov.au/reservoirleisurecentre), drop in at 2A Cuthbert Road, Reservoir or call 03 9496 1050

## DOLE RESERVE WETLANDS - CONTRIBUTING TO RESERVOIR'S WATER SECURITY



Did you know Darebin Council recently completed a \$4 million wetland and water harvesting project at Dole Reserve, Reservoir?

The project collects stormwater from the Cheddar Road Melbourne Water Main Drain, which is then treated through a gross pollutant trap, a sediment pond and a wetland, and finally stored in four underground reinforced concrete tanks with a total volume of 2,800,000 litres. This treated stormwater is then used to irrigate the ovals at Donath and Dole Reserves.

This wetland system addresses several of our strategic goals including decreasing our annual potable water use by 15% and reducing the discharge of nitrogen into Melbourne's stormwater system by 650kg per year. Other benefits include increased stormwater quality, improved wildlife habitat, and greater climate change resilience.

Local resident and President of community environmental group Friends of Darebin Creek, Dr Nadine Richings, has a keen interest in Dole Reserve wetland and knows sites like this are important for people and nature.



She says "The local community can build a greater connection with the wetlands by recording sightings of species into apps like iNaturalist and participating in community clean-up days to help remove rubbish from the wetland."

This project delivers many actions from the Donath and Dole Master Plan and is the outcome of an initiative raised in 2019 community consultation. It was co-funded by Council and the Victorian Government, with Darebin successfully applying for a \$2 million dollar grant through Melbourne Water's Liveable Waterways, Liveable Communities.

## CREATE YOUR OWN GARDEN FOR WILDLIFE

Imagine having a habitat garden at home that local animals and plants can thrive in!

Gardens for Wildlife connects Darebin residents with trained volunteer Garden Guides who will arrange a visit to give you simple, practical advice to get you started on creating a wild-life-friendly garden.

Northcote resident Vicki says "I had been making a slow transition to indigenous plants, and the plant list from Gardens for Wildlife provided me with a multitude of never-before-considered plants.

The list was tailored to my garden and especially my interest in providing habitat for birds and butterflies. I am delighted with the results - the tufted bluebells and yellow daisies are a constant delight," she says. "The banksias - I never would have considered them in the past - are coming along nicely. And the kangaroo grass has beautiful seed heads!"

The program is run in collaboration between Darebin and a team of knowledgeable and passionate local volunteers.



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

## CULTURAL DIVERSITY ORATION AT THE DAREBIN INTERCULTURAL CENTRE



Come along and get inspired to embrace diversity at a talk by renowned journalist and author George Megalogenis. Known for his insightful and thought-provoking commentary on local and global politics, economics, and culture, Megalogenis has a unique ability to engage audiences with his deep understanding of the complexities of cultural diversity. Whether discussing the role of immigration in shaping Australia or exploring the implications of diversity for social cohesion, Megalogenis is a captivating and informative speaker.

The Darebin Intercultural Centre is proud to present this Cultural Diversity Oration, on 21 May for World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

The oration will explore themes of interculturalism and

multiculturalism, related to both the richness of the world's cultures and the essential role of dialogue in achieving peace and sustainable development. It will be followed by a live music performance and light snacks.

The Intercultural Centre has a whole program of activities and events throughout 2024 and is open weekdays from 10am—4pm. Everyone is invited to come in, connect, and explore this exciting new space.

**You can register or check out what's on at [darebin.vic.gov.au/darebininterculturalcentre](https://darebin.vic.gov.au/darebininterculturalcentre)**

## LOOKING OUT FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS

Back Your Neighbour is a campaign that tirelessly advocates for the rights of people seeking asylum in Australia.

Darebin Council is a member of the mayoral taskforce supporting people seeking asylum, and we're pledging our support. We back all asylum seekers in our community, and their right to feel welcome and safe.

Australia is made up of thousands of people living in limbo while their applications for asylum are processed. They are wanting to rebuild their lives and give back to the community, but have been denied access to essential health care, housing, work, study, crisis support and more.



On the streets showing our support for Back Your Neighbour

**Find out more and sign the campaign petition at [backyourneighbour.com.au](https://backyourneighbour.com.au)  
Or give a shoutout on your socials and let's call on our local leaders to back our neighbours. #BackYourNeighbour**

## HOW'S YOUR NEW YEAR'S ECO-LUTION GOING?

Sometimes New Year's Resolutions don't succeed despite our best intentions. If this was the year you pledged to recycle better, here are Maria's tips and tricks to help keep your eco-friendly New Year's Resolution on track!

Northcote resident Maria is a passionate community gardener at the Croxton Community Garden. At home she does both composting and worm farming alongside Council's food and green waste recycling.

"I think it's great to have a lot of different forms of homemade, natural compost and nutrition for veggie gardens. There's never too much! Sometimes there's not enough. And we love worms," says Maria. "Worm castings are great for the soil and we water our veggies with worm tea every few weeks."

In her kitchen Maria separates her food waste into three streams – compost, worm farm and green bin. The compost gets vegetable scraps, the worms love coffee grounds and fruit skins that have been cut up small. Everything else goes in the food and green waste bin, such as lemons, eggshells, avocado seeds, and meat scraps.

"Separating them out helps keep the worms happy and rodents away."

Maria even shreds cardboard boxes to add carbon to her compost bin and worm farm.

"I love the idea that nothing goes to waste, it all turns into nutrient-rich compost for my garden".

Feeling inspired to recycle better this year? Don't waste more time – start recycling today!



For more information about what can and can't go in your food and green waste bin, visit [darebin.vic.gov.au/foodwaste](http://darebin.vic.gov.au/foodwaste)



## LEARN HOW TO KEEP YOUR BIKE IN TOP SHAPE THIS AUTUMN

If you want to show your bike some love and learn new skills, our Basic Bike Maintenance workshops are for you.

Come along and learn practical skills like fixing a puncture and taking care of your chain. These workshops are fun, friendly, and wheelie social!

Local resident Rachel encourages everyone to participate.

"The instructor was really patient and explained all things bike 101 with hands on practice for us. It's really empowering to know how easy it is to rescue myself from a flat tyre now! I can keep my bike running smoothly and make adjustments to keep me safer on the road and save me time and money."

Rachel also put her new skills into practice afterwards to tune-up a second-hand bike for her son.

"I cleaned and degreased everything, replaced the tubes and a tyre, adjusted the brakes and generally made sure it was a smooth and safe ride for my child."

**When:** 1-4pm Saturday 20 April and Sunday 21 April

**Where:** Reservoir Leisure Centre

**Cost:** \$10 - \$20

**Contact:**

[darebinlovesbikes@darebin.vic.gov.au](mailto:darebinlovesbikes@darebin.vic.gov.au) or call 8470 8578

Book now at [darebin.vic.gov.au/bikeskills](http://darebin.vic.gov.au/bikeskills)





## HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE 2024-25 BUDGET

It's nearly budget time again and we're excited to deliver the completion of our 4-year Council Plan.

If you're curious about the Draft Annual Budget 2024-2025, it's almost time to take a look and provide your feedback.

Each year, we bring a Draft Annual budget and Council Plan Action Plan to the community and ask for input.

The Annual Budget and Council Plan Action Plan are prepared to make sure funds are allocated to achieve the goals we set in our 4-year Council Plan.

This coming financial Year (2024-25) represents the last year of our 4-year Council Plan and we are proud of all we have achieved over the past four years..

We have created the budget to balance current and future needs, while also ensuring

Darebin is financially sustainable into the future.

Highlights include investment towards enriching our community through the delivery of over 100 essential services. We're also continuing to build on our commitment to infrastructure development and will allocate additional funds to building, maintaining, and enhancing vital infrastructure to help ensure a bright future for our community.

Go to our Your Say page or visit a customer service centre to view a copy of the Draft Annual Budget and supporting documents and find out how you can have your say.

Before we finalise and adopt the Annual Budget 2024-2025 and supporting financial documents on 24 June we want you to have the opportunity to make a formal submission by 20 May 2024.

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Find out more and have your say in your preferred language from 30 April to 20 May at [yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au/budget2024-25](https://yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au/budget2024-25)

# HAVE YOU HAD YOUR SAY?



Ever wondered about how decisions on important issues, policies and services are made at Council? At Darebin, we're committed to building a fair, inclusive and equitable city by involving community members when making decisions that impact or are of interest to you. This process, called community engagement, is guided by specific legislation, and applies to all Victorian Local Governments.

Why do we engage with the community? We do it because we want Council decisions to be informed by a diversity of views that are shared in an equitable,

inclusive, open, and authentic way.

Our Community Engagement policy provides a framework for meaningful engagement by putting you - Darebin's residents, business owners and community, at the forefront of our decision-making processes!

There are many ways you can participate in engagement and share your opinions and ideas, such as surveys, face to face, over the phone, or even by sharing a photo.

One of our most frequently used engagement tools is the Your

Say Darebin page which provides information about all current and past projects. You can register to receive alerts when new engagement projects are launched and have your say!

Or, if you have questions or prefer to engage with us in another way or in a community language, please call Customer Service on 8470 8888 and ask to be transferred to the Community Engagement team.

At Darebin, community is at the heart of decision-making. So go on, Have Your Say!



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

We are committed to building a fair and inclusive city by involving the community in decision-making. There are many ways to give feedback such as surveys, face to face, over the phone, or sharing a photo. If you have questions or prefer to engage with us in another way or community language, call us on 8470 8888 and ask to speak with the Community Engagement team. Find out more at yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au

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Ci impegniamo a costruire una city giusta e inclusiva che coinvolge la comunità nei processi decisionali. Ci sono molti modi con cui fornire feedback, ad esempio tramite i sondaggi, di persona, al telefono o condividendo una foto. Se avete domande o preferite interagire con noi in un altro modo o nella lingua della comunità, chiamateci al numero 8470 8888 e chiedete di parlare con il Community Engagement team. Maggiori informazioni sono disponibili sul sito yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au

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Estamos comprometidos a construir una ciudad justa e inclusiva, haciendo participar a la comunidad en la toma de decisiones. Hay muchas formas de enviar comentarios, como encuestas, en persona, por teléfono o compartiendo una foto. Si tiene preguntas o prefiere interactuar con nosotros de otra manera o en un idioma comunitario, llámenos al 8470 8888 y pida que lo comuniquen con el "Community Engagement team" (Equipo de participación comunitaria). Obtenga más información en yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au

Waxaa naga go'an dhisida magaala loo dhan yahay oo loo siman yahay iyada oo bulshada laga qaybgelinayo go'aan samaynta. Waxaa jira siyaalla badan oo aragtida lagu bixiyo sida sahaminta, toos u wada hadlida, telefoon ku wada hadlida, ama wadaagida sawiro. Haddii aad qabto wax su'aalla ah ama aad doorbidayso inaad si kale noola macaamisho annaga sida luqadaha bulshada, ama naga soo wac 8470 8888 weydiina Kooxda Hawlgelinta Bulshada (Community Engagement team). Wax badan ka ogow yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au

بہم مقامی لوگوں کو فیصلہ سازی میں شریک کرنے کے ذریعے ایک منصفانہ اور سب کو شامل رکھنے والا شہر بنانے کا عزم رکھتے ہیں۔ اپنی رائے دینے کے کئی طریقے ہیں جیسے سروے، روبرو بات کرنا، فون پر بات کرنا یا فوٹو شیئر کرنا۔ اگر آپ کا کوئی سوال ہو یا آپ ہمارے ساتھ کسی اور انداز یا کسی کمیونٹی زبان میں بات کرنا بہتر سمجھتے ہوں تو 8470 8888 پر ہمیں کال کر کے کمیونٹی انگیجمنٹ ٹیم سے بات کروانے کے لیے کہیں۔ yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au پر مزید معلومات حاصل کریں۔

Chúng tôi cam kết xây dựng thành phố công bằng và bình đẳng bằng cách tạo điều kiện cho cộng đồng tham gia vào quy trình quyết định. Quý vị có thể đóng góp ý kiến theo nhiều cách khác nhau như cuộc khảo sát, gặp trực tiếp, qua điện thoại hoặc chia sẻ hình chụp. Nếu có thắc mắc hoặc muốn giao tiếp với chúng tôi theo cách khác hay ngôn ngữ cộng đồng, hãy gọi cho chúng tôi qua số 8470 8888 và yêu cầu nói chuyện với đội ngũ Giao tiếp Cộng đồng. Hãy tìm hiểu thêm tại yoursay.darebin.vic.gov.au

# WHAT'S ON

## DAREBIN ARTS CENTRE

### Darebin Arts Speakeasy | Peacemongers by The People

24 April - 5 May

An unconventional company of artists, The People make theatre that is formally experimental, politically current, and personal. They invite you to dinner and a show. The show is about bigotry and polarisation. They've made it a musical to lighten the mood. Dinner will be hearty and simple, served by our good friends at Moon Rabbit. Peacemongers is a real-life attempt at utopia. It's documentary theatre

at its most absurd, and an act of rebellious and delusional hope.

**Wed - Sat 7pm | Sun 5pm**  
**\$38 Full | \$30 Conc. |**  
**\$33 Darebin Resident |**  
**\$10 Blak Tix**



For more info and to book ticket, visit [arts.darebin.vic.gov.au](https://arts.darebin.vic.gov.au)

## DAREBIN INTERCULTURAL CENTRE



### Monthly Social Evening

Meet new people and learn about other cultures at our monthly social night for all ages. Learn a traditional board game or bring one to share!

Free. Register to be included in catering of light snacks and non-alcoholic drinks.

### Free Drop-in Services

Drop-in every Wednesday for help with navigating services, including Centrelink, Medicare, advice referrals, relief grant information and more. Enjoy free tea, coffee and free wifi in the lounge if you need to wait.

**11am-3pm DIVRS**  
**Community Support**  
**1pm-3pm Services**  
**Australia**

**Every Wednesday. Free,**  
**no bookings required.**  
**6pm-8pm | Wednesday**  
**17 April, 15 May, 19 June**

Find out more at

[darebin.vic.gov.au/darebininterculturalcentre](https://darebin.vic.gov.au/darebininterculturalcentre)



## BUNDOORA HOMESTEAD ART CENTRE

### GUIDED HISTORY TOURS

Join us for a unique guided experience, to learn about the historic Bundoora Homestead Art Centre, and the land on which it was built. Hear the stories that shaped this iconic mansion, from its first era as a private family home and stables, to its rebirth as a repatriation mental health hospital for returned servicemen, and its final reimagining as a community art gallery.

**Bundoora Homestead Art Centre**  
**Thursday 11 April | 11.30am-12.30pm**  
**Saturday 27 April | 11.30am-12.30pm**

For more dates and to book, visit [arts.darebin.vic.gov.au/Whats-on/Event-calendar](https://arts.darebin.vic.gov.au/Whats-on/Event-calendar)

## DAREBIN LIBRARIES

### DISCOVER Darebin Libraries

6-19 May 2024

Visit a library to enjoy a special program of events showcasing all your libraries offer. It's all free!

There will be talks from authors, films in community languages and opportunities to improve your digital skills. Enjoy refreshments as you connect with other people. Celebrate how libraries bring people together, spark creativity, support learners and

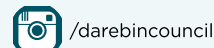
readers, inspire ideas and are an all-round positive force for change.

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