



Brimbank Councillors recently attended the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly in Canberra where they took the opportunity to advocate for investment in Brimbank.

## Pathway to COVID recovery

The local community will benefit from over \$316 million in committed investment across infrastructure, environment, and essential services since July last year, as part of Council's advocacy and investment to support COVID-19 recovery.

### As one of the areas hardest hit by the impact of COVID-19, Brimbank's recovery depends on all levels of government providing support.

This includes \$82.7 million in Council's 2021/22 Annual Budget for sports facilities, the new health and wellbeing hub in Keilor Downs, roads and footpaths, playgrounds, parks and gardens, along with bike and shared paths.

In 2020/21 Brimbank Council delivered \$74.6 million capital works to respond to COVID-19 and this year's program will continue to build and improve our city's assets.

Brimbank Mayor Cr Ranka Rasic said investing in parks, green spaces, sporting facilities and critical infrastructure helps make our community a better place to live, work and play – while also encouraging the local economy. "Our community is still feeling the effects of this pandemic, including job losses and significant economic impacts on local businesses," Cr Rasic said.

"We are continuing to deliver a strong capital works program to make sure Brimbank comes back better and stronger. The Melbourne Airport Rail and investment in 'Fixing the Calder' will also help reinvigorate our local economy, but it's crucial these state significant projects also respond to community needs and concerns.

"We're advocating for our community across all levels of government, including raising these issues with a range of federal parliamentarians while in Canberra for the recent Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly."

"I have also had several meetings with our local MPs and Victorian ministers to highlight the needs of our community."

In May this year Council celebrated a \$50 million commitment from the State Government towards upgrading the Calder Freeway between Sunbury and the M80, unveiled in the State's 2021/22 Budget announcement.

The State Budget also included \$1.084 million for new sports facilities at Bon Thomas Reserve in Deer Park, and \$5 million for the 'More Trees for a Cooler, Greener Melbourne's West' initiative. It also included \$9.4 million towards drug and alcohol residential rehabilitation services, including Sunshine's Westside Lodge.

These investments build on a further \$103.3 million in State and Federal funding for Brimbank advocacy priorities, announced since August last year. This included \$40.9 million for businesses impacted by COVID-19, and \$8 million for Council to employ 130 people under Working for Victoria, to improve parks, support COVID-safety, the arts, community care, environment, and more.

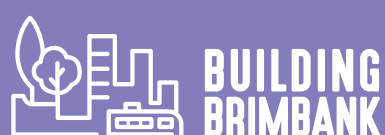
To read more about Council's priorities to transform Brimbank into the capital of Melbourne's West, visit [brimbank.vic.gov.au/advocacy-initiatives](https://brimbank.vic.gov.au/advocacy-initiatives).

Check out page 7 for how you can support Council's advocacy initiatives.

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# Capital works building a better Brimbank

Over 2021/2022 \$82.7 million will be invested in new health and sporting facilities, upgrading roads and footpaths, greening our streets and providing more open spaces.



Upgrading local roads is an important part of the annual capital works program.

These projects were committed to as part of Brimbank's 2021/2022 Annual Budget which was finalised with input from the local community. Works include:

- \$43.6 million for sport facility upgrades, including the new health and wellbeing hub in Keilor Downs, More Park sports facility upgrade in Ardeer, Green Gully Reserve Oval redevelopment in Keilor Downs, new sports pavilions at Delahey Reserve and Bon Thomas Reserve, Deer Park
- \$21 million for roads, footpaths, traffic management, drainage upgrades, and pedestrian links
- \$7.3 million for playgrounds, parks and gardens including upgrades to Keilor Park Recreation Reserve, Keilor Park; Cary Street, Sunshine North; and Leslie Street St Albans

- \$3.6 million for bike and shared paths
- \$2.2 million for improvements to community facilities and early learning facilities

- \$500,000 for town centre upgrades
- \$430,000 for sustainability projects

And sustainability initiatives, including:

- \$1.2 million for street lighting upgrades
- \$2 million for widespread tree planting
- \$1.6 million towards 100% Carbon Neutral Renewable Electricity Supply

Mental and physical wellbeing is important especially as we recover from the pandemic.

Over \$43 million will be invested in sporting clubs and facility upgrades to support healthier communities and bring people together. Contributing to these outcomes will be the

new health and wellbeing hub being built in Keilor Downs. It will be Australia's first integrated aquatic and leisure centre with social and health support services all under one roof. It will also operate as a carbon neutral centre with a 5 Star Green rating.

Brimbank is home to a wide range of parks, skate parks, playgrounds, walking trails and open spaces – bringing plenty of green open spaces to explore the outdoors.

Almost \$11 million will be spent on delivering 7 new parks and playgrounds, 2 skate parks, 2 off-leash dog parks and around 5 kms of walking and cycling paths across Brimbank.

These type of projects are improving liveability, bringing communities together and supporting local jobs and businesses.

For more information on capital works in your ward turn to page 4 and 5.



Construction works are progressing well.

## Brimbank Aquatic and Wellness Centre taking shape

**There's been lots of progress on the new health and wellbeing hub, the Brimbank Aquatic and Wellness Centre, in Keilor Downs, with work on the base and structure of the 50-metre pool nearing completion.**

From nearby Taylors Road you can see the structural steel going up throughout the gymnasium and program room, including the roof. The new, state-of-the-art Brimbank Aquatic and Wellness Centre replaces the former

St Albans Leisure Centre. It will include a 50-metre, 10-lane swimming pool, two massive water slides, wellness centre, 24 hour gym, community program room and more. The centre will offer preventative health, education and social services, all under the one roof.

The project is on budget and on track for completion mid-2022, with work continuing under a COVID-19 Safe Plan.



BUILDING *Brimbank*

For the latest information on major projects in Brimbank, visit [facebook.com/BuildingBrimbank](https://www.facebook.com/BuildingBrimbank)  
**See Page 11 for information on GPost** – where you can sign up for live work updates including road and rail disruptions.





# You made the news!

This edition of the Brimbank News is brought to you by the local community!

In February and March this year, over 700 community members contributed to a communications and engagement survey. The survey provided us with feedback on how you want to receive information and news from Council. What you told us:

- **Direct mail (70 per cent) and E-newsletters (48 per cent) are preferred channels for Council information.**
- **58 per cent of residents have a social media presence with 51 per cent on Facebook and 21 per cent on Instagram.**

With feedback from you, we have made some improvements to the way we communicate. Improvements include:

- **Brimbank News**, this quarterly newsletter delivered to homes across Brimbank
- **news.brimbank.vic.gov.au** – an online version of Brimbank News with the latest information from Council
- Two new Facebook pages:  
**facebook.com/BuildingBrimbank** – keeping you up to date with major projects happening in the city, and  
**facebook.com/yoursaybrimbank** – a Facebook page to provide feedback and input into community consultation on projects and policies.

Please let us know what you think of Brimbank News and how we can continue to improve. Visit **yoursay.brimbank.vic.gov.au** to share your ideas.

## Together let's make Brimbank even better

It takes many voices, community involvement and support to shape our future. With your input, Council has drafted the Together We are Brimbank plan – to help us achieve our **Community Vision 2040**, our four-year **Council Plan 2021-2025** and the **Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan**. Thank you to everyone in the community who provided their ideas and feedback to Council. Our next step is getting your feedback on the draft Together We are Brimbank plan. Keep a look out at **yoursay.brimbank.vic.gov.au** for updates. Consultation will close Sunday 22 August 2021.

## Creating better parks

Since 2008 over \$38 million has been invested in Brimbank's parks. The works have been delivered as part of the multi-award winning Creating Better Parks Policy and Plan 2016.

### Brimbank Parks

Our flagship parks are our biggest parks in Brimbank and our local reserves are smaller areas for local communities to enjoy.

**Creating Better Parks BHAG – Big Hairy Audacious Goal – is to have a park within 500-metres of every home in Brimbank.**

<b>7</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Flagship Parks</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Parks</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Suburban Parks</b>	<b>Local Reserves</b>

Creating Better Parks is currently being reviewed. Tell us what you think about your parks and how we can make them better. Please let us know what you would like to see in Brimbank parks by heading to **yoursay.brimbank.vic.gov.au**



Tell us what makes a great park.

## Creating streets for people

Do you love where you live? Does being in your neighbourhood make you happy? **Research shows that health and wellbeing is linked to physical activity, access to open space, local services and facilities, public transport and bike paths. Well-designed streets can provide us with all of these things.**

We want to know what would encourage you to spend more time in your streets and what makes you proud about your local streets? We also want to know the things you don't like and what might stop you from being active in your neighbourhood.

Your feedback will help us develop a Creating Streets for People policy that focuses on streets as places to enjoy. The policy will help Council target key streets in neighbourhoods with a focus on people walking and cycling to key destinations. Visit **yoursay.brimbank.vic.gov.au** and help create better streets for people.

### Did you know?

<b>Approx.</b>	<b>Approx.</b>
<b>22,200</b>	<b>64,750</b>
<b>daily car trips in Brimbank were under 1km (6%)</b>	<b>daily car trips in Brimbank were under 2km (17.5%)</b>

**What would encourage you to leave the car and walk or ride instead?** When you enjoy your local streets you are also more likely to shop locally and support local business.

## How can Brimbank be more accessible for people living with disability and their carers?

Together with local residents living with disability, carers and disability service providers, we are co-designing the **Disability Action Plan for 2021-2025**. For more information and to have your say via an online survey visit **yoursay.brimbank.vic.gov.au**



JOIN *Your Say*

Provide input and feedback for Council decision making, visit **yoursay.brimbank.vic.gov.au** or **facebook.com/yoursaybrimbank**





# Mayor's Message

Welcome to the first edition of Brimbank News, your community newsletter delivered to homes across our city.

**This newsletter brings you information about the work of Council and the services available for residents, ratepayers and businesses in Brimbank.**

You spoke, we listened. A survey of community members earlier in the year told us that your preferred method of communication is via direct mail.

Brimbank News is aimed at keeping you informed on issues and events that are important to you. If you have story ideas, or would like to provide further feedback on how we can improve our communications, please visit [yoursay.brimbank.vic.gov.au](https://yoursay.brimbank.vic.gov.au) and share your ideas.

In 2021, Council is about so much more than just roads, rates and rubbish. Working for the community, Council delivers over 100 services and also has a critical role in advocating for the Federal and State governments as well as private industry to invest in our community. Read about how you can support our advocacy campaigns on page 7. I am proud to have led a campaign to secure an additional \$50 million to Fix the Calder. There is more work to be done and we need your help.

Together, with my fellow Councillors, we want to improve community health and wellbeing, increase participation in Council decision making and deliver capital works that improve our community roads, parks and buildings. We love this city and we are proud to be your Councillors.

We are in the process of finalising the Council Plan 2021-2025. Thank you to everyone who took part in confirming our key focus areas and priorities over the term of this Council.

Together We Are Brimbank includes the Council Plan, Community Vision 2040 and Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan. This important document will become our road map for making Brimbank an even better place to live, work and enjoy.

There will be further opportunity for your feedback before the document comes back to Council for adoption in October. Keep a look out at the YourSay website for more information on the consultation process.

I hope you enjoy reading Brimbank News and we look forward to keeping you up-to-date with Council and what is happening in your community.

**Cr Ranka Rasic**  
Brimbank City Council Mayor

## Councillors in the community

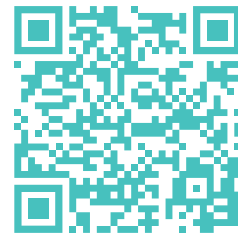
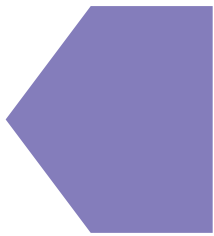


Cr Bruce Lancashire, Cr Maria Kerr and Cr Jae Papalia at the Hampshire Road Civic Green Opening



Cr Victoria Tachos at the Hampshire Road Civic Green Opening





## Harvester Ward

Harvester Ward is looking pretty as a picture lately with some amazing public art and exciting new spaces.

- **Hampshire Road Sunshine** has had a face-lift and now features a **Civic Green between Devonshire Road and Bennett Place**. The space has a shaded area with grass lawns, new feature paving, trees, better seating and lighting. It's ideal for public events or for larger community events and footpath trading.
- **Completed in June, improvements have been made to the pedestrian crossing across Devonshire Road at the Clarke Street intersection in Sunshine.** This has created a safer crossing for people moving from the railway station to the retail areas beyond. The works also included new feature pavements, increased space for outdoor dining, and shrubs and tree plantings at the southern section of Clarke Street.
- **Must see items!** The striking new large-scale mural on the wall of the Multi-deck Carpark in Sunshine. And since May there are nightly projections of displayed artwork onto the rear wall of the Brimbank Community and Civic Centre from 7pm.

## Taylors Ward

With a fabulous new 'Eel Dance' public artwork lighting up The Lakes Reserve, there's now even more to enjoy in Taylors Ward.

- **Have you visited the upgraded Robinson Court Reserve in Delahey?** There's a new play combo, triple swing, seat rocker, climbing posts, climbing net, picnic seat, BBQ, drinking fountain, and newly planted trees. The upgrade cost \$100,000.
- **Residents and three community sporting clubs will benefit from a \$4.095 million upgrade to Delahey Reserve** – with work already underway on a new sports and community pavilion. Community groups will also be able to book the space during the day and the social space can be divided into two areas so two groups can use it at the same time.
- **There's been lots of progress on the new health and wellbeing hub being built in Taylors Road, Keilor Downs.** This will replace the former St Albans Leisure Centre. If you're traveling down Taylors Road, you'll see the structural steel outline of the building continue to fill out and take shape over the coming months. Work is on track for completion mid-2022.

## Grasslands Ward

There's lots happening in Grasslands Ward including major works underway to improve sporting facilities.

- **Get ready to play at Evergreen Reserve** – work on the new playground and fitness station is on track to finish by the end of July. Improvements also include a new half court for basketball and netball, a new badminton court, as well as a picnic table, barbecue, and drinking station.
- **Major improvements are on the way for Bon Thomas Reserve in Deer Park,** including a new asphalt car park, multi-purpose cricket nets, irrigation upgrade for the oval, and a new path network for the reserve. Earlier this year the State Government announced \$1.084 million for upgrades at the reserve, with Brimbank to contribute another \$502,000.
- **Work begins this month on a new, 1.7km shared path for cyclists and pedestrians** along Kororoit Creek, between Isabella Williams Memorial Reserve and Shepherds Grove.
- **There's good news for four-legged residents too,** with work soon to begin on a new off-leash dog park at Kevin Flint Memorial Reserve, Cairnlea.

## Horseshoe Bend Ward

A new pocket park in St Albans and a space designed by and for young people at Errington Reserve are just some of the great things happening in the Horseshoe Bend Ward.

- **Leslie Street St Albans, Pocket Park** – The open grassed area near the Leslie Street shops will be upgraded to improve safety, pedestrian access and provide more shaded areas. Works include a new raised pedestrian crossing, bike racks, rain garden, street trees and landscaping. Construction is expected to start in early 2022.
- **Errington Reserve youth space** – The youth space designed by young people living in Brimbank will include a skate plaza, two central lawn areas, a stage for socialising and performance interactive art and more. The project is expected to start construction this year.
- **Have you checked out the latest calendar of events at the Bowery Theatre?** This great local arts venue is a short walk from the St Albans train station. Visit [creativebrimbank.com.au](https://creativebrimbank.com.au) to see what's happening this month.



Cr Sarah Branton at Sydenham Park



Cr Thuy Dang and Cr Victoria Borg at GlenGALA Day speaking with a community member



Cr Sam David JP and Cr Trung Luu inspecting works on the Brimbank Aquatic and Wellness Centre



Deputy Mayor, Cr Jasmine Nguyen with Mayor, Cr Ranka Rasic at a recent Citizenship Ceremony



CLEANER,  
GREENER,  
BETTER  
BRIMBANK.



# Rethinking recycling and waste

**Brimbank households could move to a new four-bin waste and recycling collection – potentially saving more than 17,000 tonnes of waste from landfill each year – under plans being mapped out by Council.**

It's estimated that up to 40 per cent of Brimbank household rubbish is food waste, which currently goes straight to landfill.

In 2019/2020 Council collected 43,951 tonnes of garbage from 70,728 households. That's 17,580 tonnes that can potentially be diverted from landfill and turned into garden compost.

When buried in landfill, food waste decomposes without oxygen, creating methane gas – which contributes to global warming.

Separating glass from other recycling will make recycling more efficient, and allow more glass to be recovered for recycling. Under the current system about 30 per cent of glass cannot be recovered and broken glass fragments cause problems for other recycled materials.

Under the State Government's Circular Economy Policy, released in February 2020, all Victorian councils must introduce Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) collection for all households by 2030, and separate glass recycling collection by 2027.

In order to move to the new system Brimbank Council will consider:

- a new weekly Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) collection
- a new monthly glass recycling collection.

Earlier this year, Councillors considered a report outlining potential options for Brimbank to transition to a new, four-bin collection ahead of that deadline.

Further details, such as the timing, structure and cost of a new household waste and collection service, will be considered at a future Council meeting.

**You book it.  
We'll pick it up.**



## Book your hard waste collection

**Do you need to get rid of rubbish that's too big to fit in your bin? You can book one hard waste collection each financial year (1 July to 30 June), and it won't cost you a thing. Book at any time of year. You choose the week you would like your hard waste collected.**

You must have your waste ready to go on the Sunday before your collection week. Put your items for collection within your property boundary – in your front yard or on your driveway, with clear access (not behind cars or locked gates). There are limits on the type and amount of waste that can be collected, and requirements about how and when you put your waste out for collection.

To find out what can be collected visit [brimbank.vic.gov.au/rubbish-recycling-and-waste](https://brimbank.vic.gov.au/rubbish-recycling-and-waste) or phone us on **9249 4000**. Here you can also find information in Vietnamese, Maltese, Macedonian, Italian, Greek, Croatian, Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese, Chin Haka and Arabic.

When you're ready to book, visit [hardwaste.brimbank.vic.gov.au](https://hardwaste.brimbank.vic.gov.au) or phone Council's contractor directly on **9249 4728**.

There is a limit of **one no-charge hard waste collection for each household each financial year** – but you can book additional collections for a fee.



## Renewable energy gains power

**Local buildings, sports grounds, community venues, leisure centres and street lights managed by Council are now powered by 100 per cent renewable energy.**

Brimbank is one of 46 Victorian councils that are part of VECO, the Victorian Energy Collaboration. Working together, the 46 Councils have pooled our electricity needs into one long-term contract to source renewable energy generated from Victorian wind farms. This will save 260,000 tonnes of carbon emissions from entering the atmosphere each year – the same as taking 90,000 cars off the road. Brimbank Council will save up to 23 per cent on its electricity bill each year (compared to pre-July 2021). For more information visit [veco.org.au](https://veco.org.au)



# Help build a better Brimbank

You can help with our advocacy by signing our petitions to Fix the Calder and make sure the Melbourne Airport Rail delivers lasting positive benefits.



## Next steps to Fix the Calder

The State Government has made a \$50 million commitment towards upgrading the Calder Freeway between Sunbury and the M80, unveiled in the 2021/2022 Victorian Budget.

The announcement responds to our advocacy campaign calling on the State and Federal governments to Fix the Calder – and matches the Federal Government’s \$50 million commitment.

The combined \$100 million commitment is an essential first step towards fixing the Calder.

It’s important that we get this project moving.

### We want to:

- ✓ Get it moving
- ✓ Make it Safe
- ✓ Do it now

We’re asking state and federal governments to make sure this funding addresses key concerns.

Brimbank Councillors recently visited Canberra in May where they met with federal members to get their support for this important project.

Please make sure this project continues to gain momentum and sign our petition to show your support. Visit [fixthecalder.brimbank.vic.gov.au](https://fixthecalder.brimbank.vic.gov.au)

Artist impression of a Sunshine Super Hub.



## Sunshine — a city ready to shine

We are asking the State Government to re-affirm its commitment to transform Sunshine Station as a Super Hub and to reconsider plans for a flyover through Albion.

Sign our petition at [yoursay.brimbank.vic.gov.au/mar](https://yoursay.brimbank.vic.gov.au/mar)

The petition supports our **Sunshine Priority Precinct Vision 2050** to transform the area into a 21st century city through leveraging the Melbourne Airport Rail and other mega infrastructure investment.

This is a shared vision with our community that was developed following extensive consultation with local community, industry and service providers.



## Recognising our volunteers

More than 360 people volunteer their time with Brimbank City Council.

You can find volunteers of all ages and backgrounds involved in a wide range of programs including:

- **Libraries** – reading programs, home library service, book clubs and craft groups
- **Friends Groups**
- **Social support groups**
- **Neighbourhood Houses** – assisting with programs, walking groups, activities and playgroups
- **Community Register** – phone welfare checks.

Volunteering can be a pathway to employment, enhancing skills, learning new ones, connecting with your community, making new friends and getting those good vibes from helping others.

Visit [brimbank.vic.gov.au/community/volunteering](https://brimbank.vic.gov.au/community/volunteering) to learn more.



## We Are Brimbank Awards 2021 — call for nominations

Nominations are now open for the 2021 **We Are Brimbank Awards**. The awards are an opportunity to recognise the exceptional contributions, hard work and determination of organisations and community groups making a positive difference in Brimbank.

There are five categories:

- Culture, Arts and Tourism Award
- Environment and Sustainability Award
- Employment and Enterprise Award
- Inclusive Brimbank Award
- Learning Excellence Award

If you know of a deserving project, organisation or community group nominate them now by completing the online form on [brimbank.vic.gov.au/waba](https://brimbank.vic.gov.au/waba)

Nominations close 3 September and winners will be announced at a special event on 29 October.

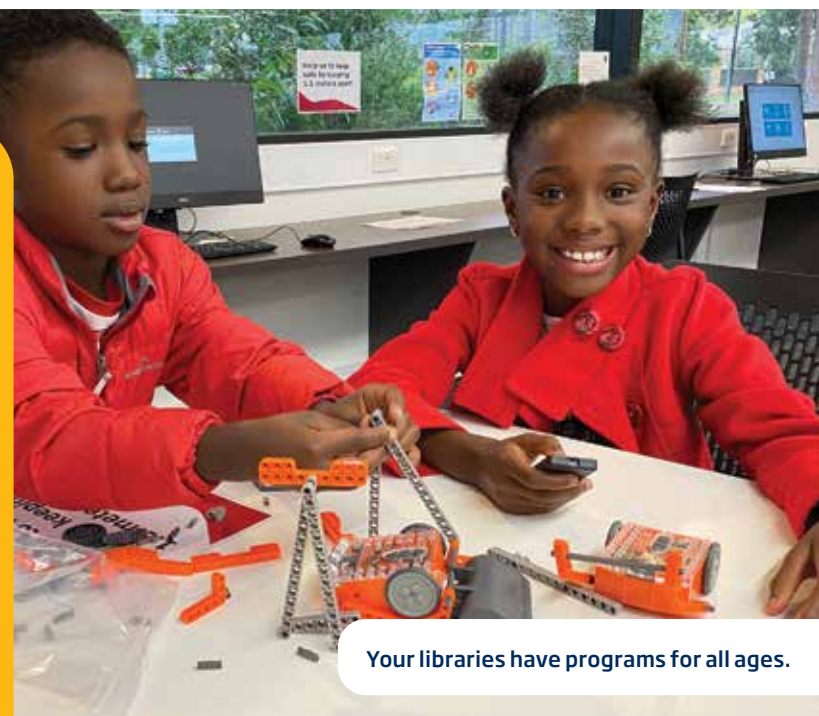
We Are Brimbank Awards 2021





# Discover great resources at Brimbank Libraries

You can learn something new every day at one of Brimbank's six libraries, and we love having you visit us!



Your libraries have programs for all ages.

## Did you know we have five branches, and an online library that's open 24/7?

Brimbank Libraries provide a variety of fantastic programs and services for learners of all ages, and they are welcoming places for all the community.

We have a borrowing collection of more than 225,000 items, with 25 per cent of the collection on loan to the community at any given time.

Services at your local library include:

- Homework support
- Story time sessions for families
- Book groups for book-lovers to meet and discuss the latest bestsellers or old favourites
- Over 3,000 programs annually (during non-pandemic times)

- Internet access – free access to Wi-Fi and computer use
- Books, CDs, DVDs, magazines, toys and games to borrow
- Library to Your Door – help is at hand for residents who can't make it into our Libraries. We will deliver items to your home
- Click & Collect – A service to reserve your reading material
- Click & Collect – Printing. Need to print from home? Submit your print job through the library website and collect at your selected branch
- Resources in 19 community languages.

You can also access online services straight from your phone or PC.

You can become a library member at no charge. Find out how to join and borrow at [brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au](http://brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au)

## Here's just a sample of what's on offer at [brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au](http://brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au):

### Reading help available

Does your child need some extra support with their reading, or are they looking for a reading buddy? We can help! Brimbank Libraries is offering free, one-on-one support for children wanting to practise their reading and literacy skills with one of our friendly library staff.

### Connect and Chat

Come to one of these social sessions to have a chat, meet new people, make friends and enjoy some laughs.

### Practise your English

Weekly sessions for adults who speak English as an additional language. Come along and practise your conversation and listening skills in a relaxed environment.



Check out the range of programs available through Brimbank Neighbourhood Houses and Community Centres.

## Bringing people together

**Our friendly Neighbourhood Houses and Community Centres offer a huge variety of activities, learning opportunities and spaces to connect with others.** There's something for everyone, from art and craft and table tennis groups, to Bollywood dancing, after-school learning programs and barista courses – we have it all at our centres, for learners of all ages.

Do you have an idea for an activity? You can share your ideas with the Neighbourhood House team who are also very keen to hear from community members and groups who want to develop their own activities or new opportunities in partnership with us. To find out what's on and when, check out the term newsletter **Neighbourhood Scoop** or visit the YouTube channel, **bccneighbourhoodhouses**. It's packed with interesting videos including exercise, story time, cooking, craft, COVID-19 information and more.

To get in touch with us or to learn more, visit [brimbank.vic.gov.au](http://brimbank.vic.gov.au) follow us on Facebook and Instagram, call **9249 4555** or email [NHCCsocial@brimbank.vic.gov.au](mailto:NHCCsocial@brimbank.vic.gov.au)

To find your nearest Brimbank Neighbourhood House visit [brimbank.vic.gov.au/community/neighbourhood-houses-and-community-centres](http://brimbank.vic.gov.au/community/neighbourhood-houses-and-community-centres)

Interested in Learning in Brimbank? Visit [learning.brimbank.vic.gov.au](http://learning.brimbank.vic.gov.au) for your local guide to no charge classes, courses and programs.



NEIGHBOURHOOD *Scoop*

Download the latest copy of the Neighbourhood Scoop, the Brimbank Neighbourhood Houses and Community Centres' newsletter.



Experience  
Brimbank

# Brimbank's feast of public art

## Did you know you can access incredible, free art every day in Brimbank?

Brimbank is filled with beautiful public art. With art installations across the whole municipality, a stroll through Brimbank is like a visit to a gallery. In celebration of this amazing art, we're teasing you with just a few of the very latest.

1. Work on Sunshine's newest, and one of the biggest, public art installations was completed in June. Renowned street artist, Adnate, has transformed the Multi-deck Carpark with a large-scale mural celebrating the cultural diversity of Brimbank. He illustrates four faces including a Wurundjeri girl (at the top), a young African woman, an Eastern European elderly man, and a young Vietnamese boy. Adnate's mural is one of a broader series of works across Brimbank called Faces of Diversity.
2. Others that reflect our diversity include two murals in commemoration of the Anzacs; one recently completed in Furlong Road St Albans, and another proposed for Sydenham later in the year.
3. In a Brimbank first, we now have an outside gallery with artworks projected onto the rear wall of the Brimbank Community and Civic Centre at 301 Hampshire Road in Sunshine. Artists' work will continue to be displayed evenings from 7pm at this location for two month periods as part of the rotational gallery of projections.
4. Located in the middle of Taylors Lakes at The Lakes Reserve, 'Eel Dance' is one of the newest artworks to light up Brimbank. The sculpture portrays short-finned eels, a species native to Taylors Lakes that was a significant food source for the traditional inhabitants of the area. The work, by local artist Dave Jones, aims to highlight the under-appreciated species and celebrate the vibrant ecosystem of the lake. By day, the stainless steel sculpture reflects sunlight. By night, solar-powered neon lights illuminate the space, casting mesmerising reflections across the water, appearing as though the eels are swimming beneath the lake's surface. The lights run for four hours each evening, turning on automatically at nightfall.

All this art is refreshing our City and breathing new life into our community hubs, to surprise and delight us as we move through the COVID-19 recovery phase. It's a fun way to brighten up anyone's day. You can find the most recent murals around Brimbank here: [creativebrimbank.com.au/visualarts/collection](https://creativebrimbank.com.au/visualarts/collection)



Organ Pipes National Park – a Brimbank delight!

## The best way to Experience Brimbank

When was the last time you visited Organ Pipes National Park or had a picnic at the heritage-listed H.V. McKay Memorial Gardens? It's easy to forget that there are so many amazing places to visit, and experiences to be had, in Brimbank. Check out our new Experience Brimbank website – [experience.brimbank.vic.gov.au](https://experience.brimbank.vic.gov.au) – and rediscover all that Brimbank has to offer.



WHAT'S ON IN *Brimbank*

For the latest events happening in Brimbank visit [brimbank.vic.gov.au/events](https://brimbank.vic.gov.au/events)



# Business taskforce helping shape business recovery plans

Brimbank business leaders are playing an important role in shaping business recovery support plans, as part of the Brimbank COVID-19 Business Response and Recovery Taskforce.



Pop up outdoor dining areas for businesses have helped keep businesses operating.

## The Taskforce brings together business leaders representing a wide sector of businesses, skills and knowledge.

Since being set up in May 2020, the Taskforce has provided input for a range of recovery programs for local business and for Council campaigns designed to support Brimbank.

Over the past 12 months the Taskforce has also received briefings from federal and state politicians, and from representatives of the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Engagement and input from business leaders is also helping to guide and inform Council's advocacy and engagement with government around local business priorities.

The Taskforce also provides Council with valuable insights and information in relation to the ongoing and evolving impacts COVID-19 is having on local businesses.

Taskforce members include representatives of Sunshine Business Association, St Albans Business Association, Brimbank Business Association, Keilor Village Traders Association, Watergardens Town Centre and Brimbank Central.

There are also representatives from a number of local businesses based in Brimbank such as McDonalds, Overnewton Castle, Stockdale & Leggo, Deer Park, Luus Commercial Catering Equipment, Bell Environmental and Matthews Steer Accountants.

## How do I check in?

1 Use the camera on your phone to scan the QR code



2 Enter your name and phone number

You might need to download the Service Victoria app.



You will only need to download this app once. Then follow the prompts to submit your details.

If you don't have or can't use a smartphone, a staff member or volunteer at the venue can help you check in using the QR code.



Read the full step-by-step guide for businesses on how to use the free Victorian Government QR Code Check-in System at [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/register-to-use-vic-gov-qr-code-service](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/register-to-use-vic-gov-qr-code-service)

## QR codes keeping us all safe

Using QR codes when you visit venues and facilities helps contact tracers contain COVID-19 outbreaks and keeps Victoria safe and open.

Visit [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checking-qr-codes](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checking-qr-codes) for more information. Also a reminder that all venues and businesses are required to use electronic record keeping and the free Victorian Government QR Code Service.

## More help for local businesses to operate COVIDSafe

### Local businesses will soon get more support to help them operate in a COVIDSafe manner.

Three new COVID Business Support Officers will soon be helping Brimbank businesses comply with COVIDSafe requirements such as checking in, physical distancing and cleaning.

This is being made possible through \$120,000 funding under the State Government's Business Concierge and Hospitality Support Program. The officers will provide face-to-face support to

local businesses in Sunshine, St Albans and other activity centres to encourage COVIDSafe practices.

This will also give businesses an opportunity to provide feedback about the COVID support measures provided by Council and government, and about other COVID support measures that government can consider. More business support and assistance information and resources are also available on our website, on a dedicated webpage [brimbank.vic.gov.au/covidbusinesssupport](https://brimbank.vic.gov.au/covidbusinesssupport)





Something out of order? Report it online

If you need to report something to Council, the easiest way is to report it online. Our Report It tool on our website is easy to use and your request will go straight to the Council area responsible to help you out quickly. You can even chose to receive an update on your request via email or SMS.

Visit [brimbank.vic.gov.au](http://brimbank.vic.gov.au) and click on 'Report It'. Any urgent issues that happen after business hours should be reported to the After Hours service on **9249 4000**.



Introducing Brimbank QuickLinks

Looking for a quick and easy way to get in contact with Council when you're out and about? Keep an eye open for Brimbank QuickLinks QR codes when you're next visiting one of our flagship parks. Scan the QR code for direct access to:

- Our online Report It tool
- The latest opportunities to have your say online
- Sign up to our monthly e-newsletter, Brimbank View.



Get instant updates from Council via GPost

Download the GPost app to receive timely updates from Council on:

- Council works happening near you
- Council-related service updates
- Emergency updates
- Reminders about key events.

How to download the app:

1. Scan the QR code below that matches your phone and register GPost can be downloaded from the Apple store, Google Play or you can register online at [GPost.com](http://GPost.com)

Apple/iOS



Google Play



2. Create your account Enter your home address or business address and mobile number to create your account.

3. Set Brimbank as your watch zone (optional) If you have not registered/added any address in Brimbank and want to receive updates, add a Brimbank watch zone.



Get your Brimbank News Online

Brimbank News Online is an initiative of Brimbank Council to provide a free online platform for sharing news about the Brimbank community.

This includes news and information from Council and about Council services.

We also welcome news from groups, individuals and other organisations connected to Brimbank.

Got news to share? Let us know.

We'll generally publish:

- Items relevant to Brimbank from Council, local organisations, businesses and individuals. For businesses, we won't publish product promotions, but will accept news about expansion, major changes, awards, etc
- News from schools, clubs and community groups
- Community service announcements
- Photos of breaking news, community events or those that promote a positive image of the city, such as the **#brimbank** and **#wearebrimbank** pictures on Instagram.

Find out more – or submit a story for consideration – at [news.brimbank.vic.gov.au](http://news.brimbank.vic.gov.au)



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# Fun ways to stay active

## News in your community language



### Vietnamese

Độc Bản tin Brimbank tiếng Việt



### Arabic

معلومات عن المجلس البلدي بلغتك



### Greek

Πληροφορίες σχετικά με το Δήμο στη γλώσσα σας



### Italian

Informazioni sul Comune nella vostra lingua



### Macedonian

Информации за Општината на јазикот на вашата заедницата



### Maltese

Informazzjoni dwar il-Kunsill bil-lingwa komunitarja tiegħek



### Simplified Chinese

您的社区语言版本的市议会信息



### Traditional Chinese

您的社區語言版本的市議會資訊

### There's plenty of ways to stay active in Brimbank!

In2Active is a no charge exercise program offering in person and online classes for all levels of fitness.

Classes are held Monday to Friday at Errington Reserve, St Albans and include boxing, cross training and yoga. Classes follow COVID-19 safety requirements and bookings are essential. For bookings and information visit [brimbank.vic.gov.au/in2active](https://brimbank.vic.gov.au/in2active)

Getting out on your bike or for a walk is a fantastic way to explore your neighbourhood while staying active. Visit [brimbank.vic.gov.au/pathstrails](https://brimbank.vic.gov.au/pathstrails)

Joining a walking group is another fun, social and free way to stay active. Heart Foundation Walking Groups in Brimbank are always on the lookout for new members. Volunteer organisers lead group walks, and new groups start every week.

For more information visit [brimbank.vic.gov.au/BeActive](https://brimbank.vic.gov.au/BeActive). Stay up to date with ways to stay active, follow Be Active Brimbank on Facebook [facebook.com/BeActiveBrimbank](https://facebook.com/BeActiveBrimbank)

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