ICAN founders Dave Sweeney and Dimity Hawkins with members of the Lester family at the launch of a new mural at Preston Library, which celebrates ICAN and pays tribute to Yankunytjatjara Elder and anti-nuclear activist, Yami Lester.
When it comes to disposing of old TVs and computers, we’re often left scratching our heads as to what to do with them, but there is a solution! The Darebin Resource Recovery Centre offers recycling of many e-waste items free of charge. ‘E-waste’ refers to any unwanted electronic product with batteries, a cord or a plug - the fastest-growing category of waste worldwide. Many e-waste items contain hazardous materials such as copper, silver, plastic and glass. Disposing of them in our regular rubbish or storing them inappropriately can pose serious environmental and health problems. It is for this reason that a state-wide ban will be in place as of 1 July this year preventing any e-waste from being accepted in bins or landfill sites across Victoria.

Darebin Council is well-known for speaking out and taking action on significant issues for local residents, even when we aren’t the primary decision-makers. Shock jocks and Twitter trolls angrily complain, but it’s important for councillors to raise the profile of community concerns and contribute to positive change. Two examples are our ICAN mural launch and Electronic Gaming Machines policy.

Preston residents Dave Sweeney and Dimity Hawkins were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017 for their wonderful work in founding and leading ICAN: the international campaign to abolish nuclear weapons. We have honoured this amazing achievement with a mural by Hayden Dewar on Preston library, featuring Yankunytjatjara elder and nuclear test survivor Yami Lester. The mural is humbling, haunting and inspiring.

Darebin residents lose over $80 million to Electronic Gaming Machines (EGMs) each year, and it’s often those who can least afford it who are most affected, in some cases plunging families into poverty and even homelessness. It’s also a public safety issue: EGM losses increase the risk of family violence. We hope our EGM policy and advocacy can help reduce these devastating impacts.
With the increasing density of urban development occurring in Darebin we are seeing a reduction in the number of large trees on private land. Council believes that the health and sustainability of our remaining trees is becoming increasingly important. Significant trees that are protected under this law are those that have a single or combined trunk circumference greater than 100 centimetres when measured at 1.5 metres above ground level and are taller than 8 metres high. Trees proclaimed as noxious weeds are exempt.

**NEW TREE PROTECTION LOCAL LAW**

Council recently introduced a new Tree Protection Local Law that is aimed at protecting and enhancing Darebin’s trees by regulating tree removal and the pruning of trees on private property.

A permit is not required in the following cases:

- Where pruning is carried out by a qualified arborist in accordance with the relevant Australian Standard (AS4373:2007), who certifies their work, both before and after work.
- In an emergency where any part of a tree that is an immediate threat to life and/or property may be removed.
- The removal of dead fronds from a palm tree.
- For pruning of non-structural branches 75mm in diameter or less.

To apply for a permit, complete an application form available online or at customer service. For more information please visit darebin.vic.gov.au/treeprotection or call 8470 8888.
HARD WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

Council’s annual hard waste and recycling collection rolls out across Darebin from 27 May to 28 June 2019.

Residents will receive a notice in their letterbox two weeks before collection begins, with information on when collection starts in their area and what items can be collected.

Different items are collected on different days, so items must not be added after 6am on the first day of your collection week.

There are limits on how much can be placed out during the collection, so why not find a new home for items that are in good condition first?

Local charity stores and the Darebin Resource Recovery Centre accept furniture, clothing and other household items if they’re in good shape.

To protect our environment and recover precious resources, the Victorian Government is banning all e-waste from landfill from 1 July 2019.

E-waste refers to any item with a plug, battery or power cord that is no longer wanted, including TVs, computers, mobile phones, household appliances, power tools, battery operated toys and more.

E-waste contains valuable yet hazardous materials, so recycling it protects our environment and helps recover resources for use in new products. Darebin residents have already been doing their bit to rescue these materials from landfill.

In the last year, residents recycled more than a tonne of small household e-waste items – including small batteries, light globes, mobile phones and cameras - through Council’s Community Recycling Stations. More than 694 tonnes of e-waste were recycled at the Darebin Resource Recovery Centre. This included mostly TVs and computers, but also all sizes of batteries and light globes.

Residents can keep up these recycling efforts by continuing to take their mobile phones, cameras, light bulbs and batteries to Council’s Community Recycling Stations located at Preston Customer Service Centre, Reservoir Community and Learning Centre, Northcote Library and Bundoora Park Visitor’s Centre.

Larger e-waste can be taken to the Darebin Resource Recovery Centre, which offers recycling of many e-waste items, some free of charge.

For more information about Darebin Resource Recovery Centre accepted items, opening hours, and fees and charges visit darebin.vic.gov.au/drrc

Find more information on the collection visit: darebin.vic.gov.au/hardwaste

STATEWIDE E-WASTE BAN BEGINS 1 JULY 2019

E-waste (electronic waste) is the fastest growing category of waste worldwide.
MAINTAINING AND INVESTING IN OUR ASSETS

Darebin City Council owns a wide range of assets, ranging from roads, footpaths, drains, parks and playgrounds to buildings, equipment, machinery and fleet vehicles.

As your local council, it’s our responsibility to look after and maintain all these assets. One way we do this is through our capital works program, which continues Council’s strong investment in new and renewed infrastructure.

In the Annual Budget 2018-19, Council committed $52.2 million to its 2018-19 capital works program of 122 projects. Many of these projects are either complete or underway, with some highlights including:

- **Rathcown Road Bridge**
  A new shared path bridge over Darebin Creek at the end of Rathcown Rd provides an additional link between Reservoir and Kingsbury.

- **Pitcher Park Pavilion upgrade**
  The upgrade to create a contemporary facility includes the installation of solar PV panels and battery storage. The renovation will also accommodate change room facilities for women and girls.

- **New drinking fountains**
  Seventeen sites across Darebin will have new drinking fountains installed. Fountains are already in place at Bill Lawry Oval, with Northcote Town Hall, Preston Town Hall, Fairfield library, and several other parks and reserves to follow.

- **Darebin Arts Centre foyer upgrade**
  Works are now completed and include renovations to the foyer, canopy and bar areas, as well as a new wheelchair lift.

- **Road Resurfacing Program**
  Works are almost complete on selected streets across the municipality and are on track to meet our commitment to maintain satisfaction with local roads above 80%. Asphalt and 99% recycled content is being used for the reseal of roads.

As at 31 March 2019, Council has resurfaced approximately 56,905m2 of roads across 34 streets.

Look out for more news on upcoming projects in the new financial year 2019-20 in the next edition of Darebin Community News.
NEWLANDS OCTOPUS SCHOOL LAUNCH

Newlands Primary School is this year’s Octopus School – the second local school to take part in Darebin’s Octopus School Program, which aims to get more students to walk and cycle to and from school.

Council will work closely with the school to develop a range of programs and infrastructure projects to create a safe school precinct that makes it easy for students and families to actively travel to school.

The school officially launched the program on Ride2School Day on Monday 25 March, with 91% of students choosing active travel to get to school on the day.

On the day, students decorated their bikes and helmets for a bike parade and also learned about riding to school and issues around safe travel.

The school is currently running an active travel drawing competition, with the winning designs to be installed on the active routes students will use to travel to school as part of the Octopus program.

RESERVOIR EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL WINS A NEW BIKE FLEET

Darebin Council is now in the fourth year of its grant program that provides a fleet of new bikes to one school to assist in the delivery of its bike education program.

Bell Primary School, Kingsbury Primary School and Preston West Primary School were grant recipients in 2016, 2017 and 2018 respectively, based on their commitment to promoting active transport activities.

Principal of Reservoir East Primary School, James Cumming, said his students were very excited to be the successful recipients of this year’s new bike fleet.

“The bike fleet will allow us to deliver weekly bike education training sessions at school, as well as bike-related excursions and a bike camp,” Mr Cumming said.

“We’re so grateful for this opportunity to not only educate students about bike safety and the importance of being active, but to also raise awareness of Darebin’s open spaces – like the Darebin Creek Trail – and the different opportunities kids have to get out and about with their families.”

For more information and safe travel tips for school children visit darebin.vic.gov.au/traveltoschool

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**POKIES PLAY YOU**

You might have noticed three prominent signs lately, one outside of Council offices on High Street and the other at Edwards Lake Park and at the Darebin Community Sports Stadium.

These signs titled ‘Pokies Play You’ have been erected to educate and raise awareness of the harm caused by electronic gaming machines (EGMs), and of the millions of dollars lost each year in the Darebin community.

Darebin Residents lose $225,000 each day to EGMs. That adds up to $80 million dollars a year. Gambling causes considerable emotional and financial stress on individuals and families, which can result in debt, family breakdown and poor health.

This is also a far-reaching issue across Australia. Did you know that Australia has the leading EGM losses in the world with Australians losing up to $1,498 an hour on EGMs? And, in Victoria there is 24 hour access to EGMs across the state. ‘The Pokies Play You’ advocacy campaign is part of a broad range of measures that Darebin Council is undertaking to reduce the harm EGMs are having on residents.

These measures include; working with clubs and organisations who wish to transition away from EGM sponsorship and advocating to the State Government to reform the Responsible Gambling Code of Conduct for EGM venues.

This reform will ensure that venue staff are prohibited from engaging in activities aimed at increasing the amount of money people lose and will introduce mandatory breaks when using EGMs and maximum daily limits for gambling losses. These state reforms would bring our gambling codes in line with other countries who have dramatically smaller gambling losses per capita.

With State Government support, Council will continue to run the Libraries after Dark program which offers people in Darebin an alternative venue to go to at night.

**EAST PRESTON COMMUNITY CENTRE OPEN DAY**

What an amazing day... the sun was shining, the BBQ expertly sizzled and we had activities a plenty to bring smiles to faces.

Over 100 people from our community came to visit for the East Preston Community Centre open day and were presented with an array of activities to keep them busy.

Crazy Daisy transformed faces, performers outside entertained the crowd with splashes of colour from the Spring Dreams Dance group and young performers added their songs to the afternoon. At the same time, on the inside people were busy spinning their legs for their smoothies, getting creative with arts and crafts and taking some time to cuddle cute farm animals.

We also had our local partners represented, with PRACE and Darebin Community Legal Centre onsite to provide advice, information and answers to community members’ questions.

Overall, it was an incredible day, which we hope gave the community more insight and awareness into the range of activities that we have on offer for them at the East Preston Community Centre.

For more information on our programs, call 8470 8107 or email epcc@darebin.vic.gov.au. You can also sign up to our eNews to stay updated, at darebin.vic.gov.au/en/Your-Say/Newsletters/Subscribe.

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO SUCCEED AT DAREBIN’S POOLS

New programs aimed at fostering young talent at Darebin’s two pools are already seeing results.

Reservoir Leisure Centre is creating employment pathways for new Australians and young people, and Northcote Aquatic & Recreation Centre has introduced a competitive performance program.

In the last 12 months Reservoir Leisure Centre has set out to strengthen its ties with the Darebin community through initiating new employment pathways for culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) people and young people.

So far, it has recruited six newly arrived Australians in the Darebin municipality through Lifesaving Victoria's multicultural program, with a further eight pending - the program's highest recruitment in Victoria. In addition, RLC has two young people undertaking training to join their team via a pathway for unemployed youth created in partnership with Darebin Youth Hub.

The employees recruited through these initiatives are excelling with the training and guidance the centre has provided. RLC is proud of its efforts to reduce Darebin's youth unemployment and to create a safe place for our CALD residents, with these programs set to shape its approach to casual recruitment into the future.

The Northcote YMCA Swim Club’s Performance Program is training winners, with 17 year old Silas Harris being selected for the Pan Pacific Championships in Fiji in August. The Program, which was established only a year ago, fosters elite swimming within a community-based swim squad.

This provides swimmers with a locally based performance program so they can pursue the sport from novice all the way through to elite level as part of a single supportive community.

Silas, who is also a state and national champion and Australian Dolphins representative, and mentor to younger swimmers in the junior squad, said that he feels a great sense of belonging at the Club.

"Not only do I get access to a 50m pool and gym facilities, I also feel part of a wider family through the YMCA. Now when I visit other YMCA pools, I get a sense of ‘home’," he said.

Not normally known or aligned with elite sport, YMCA’s Area Manager Richard Quail said that the partnership with the Northcote Swimming & Lifesaving Club has added a dimension to the YMCA as a nurturer of young people not only at entry and participation level, but at the high performance end of the scale as well.

"The performance program has attracted around 100 new members to the facility, almost all of them living in the local community and who may otherwise not have stepped inside our venue or had any association with the YMCA.

The performance arm will continue to foster swimming at an elite level, adding to our already hugely successful aquatics program allowing youth participation in swimming from novice to champion," he said.
ICAN MURAL LAUNCH

Preston-based co-founders of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), Dimity Hawkins and Dave Sweeney, have been honoured by the City of Darebin with a mural at Preston Library as an enduring inspiration for active citizenship on local and global issues.

The mural was commissioned to acknowledge ICAN’s 10 year campaign against nuclear weapons which saw ICAN presented with the Nobel Peace Prize in December 2017. The mural was officially opened on Tuesday 16 April, with over 300 people attending the event outside the Preston Library on Kelvin Grove.

The mural celebrates ICAN, while also paying tribute to Yankunytjatjara Elder, Yami Lester, whose activism against nuclear testing in Australia was an inspiration and call to action for the ICAN founders.

Local artist, Hayden Dewar, is the Melbourne-based muralist and visual artist who created the mural. “We are very proud that two of our local residents have been part of founding a group which has been awarded such a prestigious honour,” said Darebin Mayor, Cr Susan Rennie.

“For many Australians, nuclear weapons are not a distant, abstract threat, but a lived reality and Council is honoured to be able to recognise Dimity Hawkins and Dave Sweeney and the tremendous campaign they have staged to help rid the world of nuclear weapons.”

The mural can be seen on the Preston Library building on Kelvin Grove, Preston.

A HISTORY-MAKING MATCH IN WOMEN’S CRICKET

We are proud to have hosted the first ever Inter-Association Representative Women’s Match in Victorian cricket history, right here in Darebin.

On Friday 22 February, a crowd of 300 gathered at Ruthven Reserve to watch the women players of the North Metro Cricket Association (NMCA) against Cricket Southern Bayside (CSB) in a momentous game of T20 cricket.

Victoria has a long history of women’s cricket, but with just a single association – the Victorian Women’s Cricket Association – opportunity for players to compete at a local level has been limited.

In 2015, the NMCA established a competition for adult women beginners and now has 18 teams, with 16 participating in the 2018/19 summer season. Following this model, the CSB was formed in 2017.

To the delight of the crowd of local supporters the NMCA emerged victorious – but this first-of-its-kind match was still a day to remember, even for the losing side.
MAKING IT EASIER TO ACCESS DAREBIN COUNCIL’S SERVICES

We’re working hard to make sure all our residents are able to find information and access our services as easily as possible.

Given our multicultural community in Darebin, we have a Language Aide service that provides information to people in languages other than English.

We have a dedicated team of Council staff available to help answer your queries in a variety of languages. If you would like assistance in your language, you can call 8470 8470 to speak to someone.

Our Customer Service areas in the Preston Customer Service centre, Reservoir Library and Northcote Library are also now communication accessible, which means we are better equipped to assist people who may have a communication difficulty. This means:

• Our team are welcoming and treat everyone with dignity and respect
• Our team are able to communicate successfully with people with communication difficulties
• Communication tools are available to help people get their message across and understand what people are telling them.

To assist people with hearing difficulties, our Customer Service areas will soon have hearing loops available, which is a special type of sound system for use by people with hearing aids. A hearing loop can help cut out background noise and make it easier for someone with a hearing aid to hear.

IT’S AN EXCITING TIME FOR THE ARTS IN DAREBIN!

Darebin is the home of choice for many artists and our creative industries contribute to the City being a thriving centre for creative culture.

The arts and creative sector generate 2,577 direct jobs in Darebin and contribute $436.2 million in gross regional product, which is 7.5% of Darebin’s economy. The sector also plays a notable role in minimising social isolation, improving connectedness, improving perceptions of safety among residents and revitalising areas.

That said, the sector is vulnerable to shrinking public funds, housing affordability and gentrification. The Creative and Cultural Infrastructure Framework adopted by Darebin Council in 2018, which is available for reading at darebinarts.com.au, highlights the importance of focusing infrastructure provision on supporting small-scale creative businesses to ensure the City continues to grow as a significant arts and creative centre.

One way in which Council has set out to achieve this is by investing sustainably and long term within the Northcote Town Hall Arts Centre and Darebin Arts Centre precincts and in 2019 these venues are transitioning from being ‘Halls for Hire’ to dedicated ‘Arts Centres’.

By doing this, arts organisations have a new home to base their offices and the opportunity to flourish with access to highly technical spaces for rehearsals and developments.

New partnerships and projects that see arts organisations, community and Council collaborating are also on the agenda.

The venues will be increasingly activated and animated as a result of greater inclusivity, accessibility and affordability to the community, which of course artists and creatives are a part of.

"Darebin is home to so many talented and creative musicians and artists, which is why creative hubs like this are so important to our City," Darebin Mayor Cr Susan Rennie said.

This investment by Council comes at an exciting juncture in Darebin Art Centre’s history, as the venue has now re-opened after being closed for three months for renovations.

In case you missed it, the $1.2 million-dollar refurbishments, plus more was on show at Darebin Arts Centre’s Open Day on Sunday 5 May. Attended by more than 150 people, event-goers got a rare opportunity to go behind the curtain and see how the magic happens.

There were guided tours, open rehearsals by musical acts such as Oscar Jimenez and Speak Percussion, delicious eats prepared by local micro caterers under the social enterprise banner of Global Sisters, and many of Darebin’s brilliant artists and musicians in attendance.

It’s not too late to check it out!
For all arts events, programs and festivals presented by Darebin Arts Centre visit darebinarts.com.au
EVENTS CALENDAR
For more information about community events call 8470 8888 or go to darebin.vic.gov.au/events

JUNE

GET ACTIVE IN DAREBIN
Free exercise and family friendly classes running until 21 June.

The Get Active In Darebin Autumn program finishes this month.

Don’t miss free exercise sessions in Family Friendly Yoga, Qī Gong, Tai Chi, Mindful Movement, Zumba and Aqua Class.

Download the program at darebin.vic.gov.au/getactive or call 8470 8305.

THE NDIS AND HOUSING: UNDERSTANDING YOUR OPTIONS WORKSHOP
Wednesday 26 June, 10am – 2pm
Function Room
250 High Street Preston

Free workshop that explores housing options and support available in the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

More information and register at darebin.vic.gov.au/ndisworkshop

JULY

PRIMA MATERIA
Exhibition on display until 7 July
Bundoora Homestead Art Centre, 7 Prospect Hill Drive, Bundoora

From the Latin words for ‘first matter’, Prima Materia is based on the notion that gold could be produced from just a few basic elements.

The exhibition invites a comparison between the creation and destruction dichotomies of the alchemical pursuit, and contemporary art practice.

For more information visit bundoorahomestead.com

NAIDOC WEEK
Flag raising ceremony 8 July
Mantra Bell City, 215 Bell St, Preston

NAIDOC Week (1-7 July) will be celebrated in a number of ways across the Darebin including a flag raising ceremony at Mantra Bell City on Monday 8 July.

All are welcome. No need to book, just come along!

For more information visit darebin.vic.gov.au

DAREBIN ARTS SPEAKEASY EVENTS

THE CABIN!
by Joseph O’Farrell (JOF)
3 July - 13 July, 2019
Northcote Town Hall Arts Centre

A horror show written by kids, for adults. Everything from the set, characters and sound has been designed by primary school students for their adult audience in this gory spectacular!

Created by internationally acclaimed artist JOF, in collaboration with over 200 primary school students from the UK and Australia.

Featuring giant inflatable monsters, talking bins and an impending Zombie apocalypse that will destroy us all!

I SEE YOU LIKE THIS
by Jessica Wilson with Matilda Woodroffe and Carla Gottgens
13 July - 14 July, 2019
Darebin Arts Centre

With our ever-growing desire to document each moment of our lives, children often become the reluctant subject of their parent’s camera. I See You Like This turns the camera around, allowing your child to view you as the subject through the lens of their own imagination.

Children are given permission to observe and portray their parent, while parents are able to experience being ‘seen’ by their child. Each child artist chooses an object, which best represents this adult subject, before art directing a creative portrait directly onto their parent’s face!

Each artwork is captured by a professional photographer in a special studio and can be taken home to share.

For more information and to book tickets, visit darebinarts.com.au
PARENTING SEMINARS

Darebin City Council is holding free Information Sessions for parents with young children on a range of topics including:

Managing Food Refusal (1-4 years), Sleep and Settling and Building Emotional Intelligence in Children.

For more information and to book visit darebin.vic.gov.au/parenting

FLU VACCINE

Stay well and help stop the spread of the flu by getting your flu vaccine at a Darebin Council immunisation session this winter.

Download the Immunisation Program Timetable at darebin.vic.gov.au/immunisation

WE SPEAK YOUR LANGUAGE

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Дали знаете дека може да се јавите во општината и да разговорите со некој на вашиот јазик? Јавете ни се на 8470 8470 за да дознаете повеќе.

Quý vị có biết rằng quý vị có thể gọi điện thoại cho Hội đồng Thành phố và nói chuyện với người nói cùng ngôn ngữ của mình không? Hãy gọi cho điện thoại chúng tôi qua số 8470 8470 để tìm hiểu thêm.

SPEAK YOUR LANGUAGE

It’s important to test and maintain your smoke alarms to ensure they will work when you need them most.

Tips to keep your home safe this winter:

• Install smoke alarms in all bedrooms and living areas – this is where most fatal fires start

• Consider installing interconnected smoke alarms, so that when any alarm activates, all smoke alarms in the home will sound

• Get a smoke alarm powered by a 10-year lithium battery so you don’t need to change the battery every year

Maintain your smoke alarms:

Each month:

• Test smoke alarms by pressing the test button

Each year:

• Vacuum all smoke alarms to clean the vents, and change batteries in any 9 volt battery operated alarms

After 10 years:

• Replace smoke alarms, regardless of the type.

For more information about smoke alarms visit mfb.vic.gov.au/Community/Home-Safety/SmokeAlarms.html

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SMOKE ALARMS

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