

COMMUNITY UPDATE

WINTER 2024

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FOSTER MP
STATE MEMBER FOR **MULGRAVE**

Mulgrave Primary School

Proud to announce that Mulgrave Primary School is receiving \$6 Million to upgrade the school, including transforming the old school hall to a state-of-the-art Library.



Springvale Park Special Developmental School

We're building a new hydrotherapy pool at this school.

The Allan Labor Government is giving more students with disability the opportunity to receive hydrotherapy at Victorian specialist schools – giving schools the infrastructure they need to support all students in-house.

Big Public Transport Win for Mulgrave in the State Budget



The 800 Bus Route that goes from Dandenong Station to Chadstone Shopping Centre along Princes Highway is getting a Sunday timetable, with additional services in the evenings.

School Breakfast Clubs program

School Breakfast Clubs We're making sure no student starts the day hungry with free, healthy, and nutritious breakfasts coming to every government school to help families with the cost-of-living.

Going to school hungry has a big impact on children's learning – affecting their behaviour, their ability to concentrate and their ability to retain information – so we're making sure more students are fuelled with healthy, nutritious meals.



WHAT'S HAPPENING ACROSS THE COMMUNITY?

Getting Families Home Sooner in Melbourne's South East - The Allan Labor Government is charging ahead with a winter blitz of works to complete more than \$1 billion of road and rail projects to ease congestion, boost connectivity and create a safer transport network across Melbourne's growing south east.

Four New TAFE Courses in 2024 - in hospitality, youth work, kitchen management and tourism are now available through the Allan Labor Government's Free TAFE. initiative.

Kinder Kits are back again for 2024 and will be available for every eligible child enrolled in Three-Year-Old Kindergarten. Kinder Kits are activity boxes filled with books, educational toys and activities made especially for three-year-olds to enjoy at home.



New World-Class Dialysis Service Open at Monash Health - The Allan Labor Government has delivered a new world class renal dialysis service in Melbourne's south east, giving patients with kidney disease the lifesaving care they need, closer to home.

Mental Health Support to Help Students Thrive - The Allan Labor Government is giving thousands of Victorian students the free, confidential wellbeing support they deserve - with nation-leading mental health initiatives now rolled out across government secondary and specialist schools and at the halfway mark across government primary and low-fee non-government primary schools.

Surgery Waitlist Hits a Four-Year Low - The number of Victorians waiting for planned surgery has dropped to its lowest level since the pandemic began - thanks to the hard work of our doctors and nurses and reforms to how we deliver surgery. This includes our record \$1.5 billion COVID Catch-Up Plan to boost surgical activity across the State.

One of the hallmark policies of this year's State Budget is our funding for **Preventing & Addressing Family Violence**. We're investing a record \$3.8 Billion and implementing all 227 recommendations of the Royal Commission, because we know we have more work to do for a future where women, children and young people are safe.

Supporting work that's happening across the community

Ross Reserve Synthetic Soccer Field - Officially opened on April 10. Thanks to a \$1.75 million investment from the Allan Labor Government and a generous contribution of over \$570,000 from the City of Greater Dandenong, this project has become a reality.



I was delighted to attend the formal opening of **Mulgrave Reserve's brand new Cricket Training Facility** on March 27.

The **Association of Ukrainians Noble Park Chapter** received \$200,000 under the Better Community Spaces for Multicultural and Multifaith Program.





I've been getting around to a number of small businesses in our local community recently.



Springvale Italian Senior Citizen Club Culture Day



South-East Monash Legal Centre - Springvale



Springvale Lunar New Year Festival



Recent Street Stall with Carina Garland MP Federal Member for Chisholm



Recent Street Stall with Meng Heang Hang Tak MP State Member for Clarinda



Doorknocking with local volunteers



Dragon Boat Festival



Neighbourhood House - Chatty Café



Community Morning Tea with Julian Hill MP

Cost of Living Measures

- ✓ **Free maternal and child health services** - free access to maternal and child health services at 10 key ages in your child's development.
- ✓ **Public transport concessions** - Save 50% on your total fare on public transport with an eligible concession card.
- ✓ **Discounted motor vehicle fees** - Get a discount on your motor vehicle registration and TAC fees with an eligible concession card.
- ✓ **Save on travel with a Victorian Seniors Card** - Victorian Seniors Card holders can get discounts on metropolitan transport and other travel services.
- ✓ **Free dental for all Victorian public school students** - All Victorian government school students can access free dental care.
- ✓ **Australian Apprentice Training Support Payment** - Eligible apprentices can get financial support from the Australian Government toward the costs of an apprenticeship.
- ✓ **Recreational fishing licence concession** - Eligible concession card holders can get their recreational fishing licence for free.
- ✓ **Discounts for recreation facilities** - Eligible cardholders can get discount entry at the Zoo, National Gallery of Victoria, State Gallery, Museum Victoria and more.



- ✓ **Deductions on council rates** - Victorian home owners with eligible concession cards can claim a deduction on council rates.
- ✓ **Veterans Card** - Victoria - Victoria thanks Australian Defence Force (ADF) members for their service. The digital Veterans Card - Victoria entitles all past and present ADF members living in Victoria to a range of discounts and benefits.
- ✓ **Pet registration concession** - Eligible concession card holders can receive a discount from their council on pet registration.
- ✓ **Free travel vouchers for Victorian pensioners** - Pensioners can get free travel vouchers to exchange for train tickets on metropolitan or V/Line services.

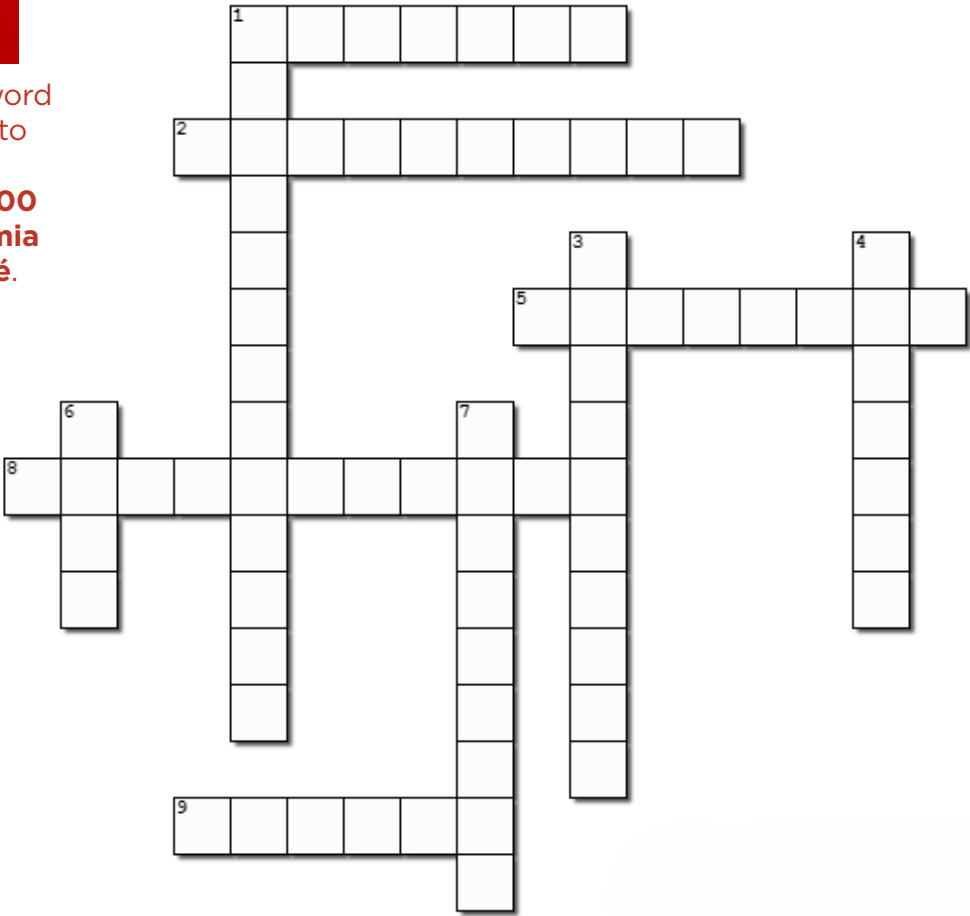
Upcoming Street Stalls

SUBURB	LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Noble Park	Douglas Street	28 July	10:00am
Wheelers Hill	Jells Park	10 August	10:00am
Noble Park	Noble Park Station	21 August	7:00am
Springvale	Multicultural Place	7 September	10:00am
Wheelers Hill	Brandon Park SC	21 September	10:00am
Springvale	Coles Springvale	5 October	10:00am
Mulgrave	Waverley Park	19 October	10:00am



Crossword

Complete the crossword below and bring it into our office to go into the **draw to win a \$100 voucher** at **La Bohemia** – a local Chilean café.



ACROSS

- 1. Supporting this sport at Mulgrave Reserve
- 2. Recent Chinese community festival
- 5. New service at Monash Health
- 8. New Soccer Field
- 9. New Timetable

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- 1. Member for Chisholm
- 3. Free for 3 and 4 year olds
- 4. Mulgrave Primary School Upgrade
- 6. Hydrotherapy _____
- 7. Free Meal



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