



BACK IN TIME: Clare and Shaun Stopp and sons Cooper and Will, with their vintage EJ Holden, are ready for the drive-in weekend.

Stamp a dining reward

DINING out in Hobart will come with an extra reward, when the reinvigorated Passport to Hobart voucher scheme opens this month.

Up to 75 businesses will participate in the app-based program, which uses a digital stamp to reward customers who visit local venues.

Using the digital passport, customers can collect a stamp each time they spend at least \$20 with a participating business during the six-week campaign. This time around, it's even easier to gain rewards, with just three stamps earning a \$20 voucher to spend with any of the listed venues.

A \$10 welcome voucher just for signing up to the Passport to Hobart app will help kick-start the culinary journey.

Venue registration launched last month and the final list of participating businesses will be published online ahead of the 23 March start date.

For full details, including how to download the app, visit hellohobart.com.au.

Drive-in days return

MEMORIES of yesteryear will come flooding back when drive-in cinema makes its return to Hobart next month.

Three feature-length films and a selection of accompanying shorts will be shown over three nights at the Hobart Regatta Grounds on a 10m-wide outdoor screen as part of the City of Hobart's *Out in the Open* program.

Parking attendants will be dressed up to add to the nostalgia as younger generations are introduced to the magic of the drive-in era.

The three-night program will kick off with a traditional "date night" theme on Friday 1 April.

On Saturday 2 April, enjoy a blockbuster blast from the past; while a family fun night will round out the weekend offerings on

Sunday 3 April. Films to be shown will be announced closer to the event.

Popcorn, food and non-alcoholic drinks will be available to purchase from food vans; or movie-goers can bring their favourite movie snacks. Admission is free.

Full event details will be available on the City of Hobart's website at hobartcity.com.au/outintheopen.

Explore new mountain tracks

CENTURIES-old snig tracks where loggers once dragged timber down the forest slope of kunanyi/Mt Wellington have been protected as part of a project to create a brand new shared-use bush track.

Mountain bike riders, walkers and trail runners will soon be able to explore the new 1.5 km Skid Road track.

The dual-use route snakes its way uphill through blue gum and stringybark forest, taking riders to the top of the upgraded Upper Luge.

The track was created following detailed cultural, environmental and archaeological analysis of the area, and months of meticulous work to protect important natural and cultural heritage values.

Surveys have mapped out the old snig tracks that show where loggers once dragged timber down to what are believed to have been small sawpits, along with other remnants of Hobart's early timber industry. The name Skid Road was chosen to reflect the logging history of the area.

These historical features have

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Check in for a friendly chat

A FRIENDLY ear is just a phone call away, thanks to a new service launched by the City of Hobart to help residents navigate the social challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Check in and Chat is designed to assist members of the Hobart community who are feeling isolated or vulnerable, or that

they have become increasingly disconnected with the world as COVID-19 changes how society functions.

A friendly chat with someone who is ready to listen can go a long way towards breaking down the barriers of isolation and boosting wellbeing.

The service can also help

connect callers with qualified service providers to assist with more specific concerns or support.

To arrange a Check in and Chat session, phone **0437 011 574** and leave a voice message with your contact details, or email **community@hobartcity.com.au** to receive a call back.

Breath of fresh air for diners

ALFRESCO dining is becoming more prevalent across Hobart, as local eateries embrace the opportunity to expand their outdoor trading footprints.

As part of the City of Hobart's COVID-19 business support package, dining venues have been offered the opportunity to make use of space outside their premises to create new temporary outdoor dining areas.

Among the traders to take up the offer are The Picnic Cafe, Simple Cider, Pigeon Hole Cafe in West Hobart, Banh Mi 'n' Grill in Collins Court, Imago Cafe and Bakery, Somewhere Coffee in Elizabeth Street, and The Stagg coffee house in the CBD.

Patrick Meagher from Simple Cider said the chance to trade outdoors meant venues could provide more choice for customers while contributing to a more vibrant city.

"I know from my own



experiences that people are wanting more outdoor options when they come out eating and drinking," he said.

"I think this will become increasingly important as cafes, restaurants and bars think about the sorts of spaces they need to develop.

"Hopefully, over time, we

will return to normal, but I also think that having more outdoor entertaining areas in Hobart is a great idea anyway."

The City of Hobart has waived outdoor dining fees until the end of March as a means to support food and beverage venues through the most recent downturn in trade.

Other business support measures are also in place, and further actions and initiatives are on the way, including a series of community and industry roundtables that will lead to the development of a 10-year economic development strategy.

Business owners who would like assistance accessing City of Hobart and other government support and grants are invited to get in touch with the City's new Business Concierge service at **business@hobartcity.com.au** or by phoning **03 6238 2547**.

More trees in suburbs Keeping cities cool

A WEST Hobart street is looking distinctly greener with the recent planting of nine new trees.

A community survey in 2019 found that Cavell Street was in need of additional street trees.

During a recent road project, footpath cut-outs were created to make room for the plantings.

Residents were asked to choose the species of trees they would like for their street, and they selected a small-growing deciduous Chinese elm.

Trees have been planted along the north side of Cavell Street, positioned so that they will not shade homes in winter, or block views.

The trees were planted last spring and will be



Cavell St resident Minette Cawood is looking forward to watching the leaves change colour on the new street trees.

watered by City of Hobart arboriculture crews for the next two summers to help them establish, and given regular formative pruning.

Street trees have been

found to help calm traffic and reduce noise for residents.

The City of Hobart has planted 837 street trees in the past three years.

THREATS and opportunities associated with a warming climate will be explored in the next instalment of the CityTalks program.

The upcoming online panel discussion titled *Future Hobart: Cool, Connected, and Climate Ready?* will investigate how to design a resilient city through climate adaptation strategies and the increase of green infrastructure.

Guest speaker Hannah Moloney will be joined by panel members Alaric Hellowell of Realm Studios, and City of Hobart's Program Leader Arboriculture and Nursery Ruby Wilson for the discussion.

ABC Radio Producer and Presenter Lucille Cutting will be the moderator.

The expert panel will discuss the benefits of connecting to nature to plan for a cooler, more enjoyable, and connected urban environment.

CityTalks is a partnership between the City of Hobart and UTas. The public discussion events focus on topics relevant to Hobart and feature community leaders, international and national keynote speakers followed by a panel discussion.

These events aim to provide a platform for conversations to take place, allowing for an exchange of ideas and inspire a vision for our future.

The upcoming online forum will be held on Wednesday 16 March at 5pm.

Register to attend at **hobartcity.com.au/citytalks**.

Fire up the taste buds

COMMUNITY bake days have returned to Legacy Park this year, with big turnouts for the summer outings.

The two wood-fired ovens are lit the night before a bake day, to make sure there is plenty of heat for a full day's cooking.

One oven is maintained at a high temperature for cooking pizzas, while the other oven is cooler to allow for baking and roasting, with the temperature slowly dropping during the day.

Anything from bread to biscuits, pies, and a full Sunday roast dinner can be cooked at the community ovens – but the crowd favourite is always the humble woodfired pizza.

Using fresh dough gives the best cooking results. Aspiring pizza chefs can bring their ready-to-cook pizzas to the ovens, or prepare them on-site at the Legacy Park Community Hub.



The ovens can be booked for private events such as birthdays by calling the City of Hobart on 03 6238 2711. Costs apply.

Upcoming community bake days are scheduled for Sundays 20 March, 3 April, 17 April, 1 May and 15 May.

COOKING TIMES	
Pizza	3 mins
Roast meat	1 hr / kg
Scones	20–30 mins
Bread	30–60 mins

Register for weekly FOGO

WEEKLY collection is now available for household food organics and garden organics (FOGO).

In the first two years of fortnightly kerbside FOGO services, around 8185 tonnes of organic materials have been collected.

The green-lid bin can take all types of organic waste, including all raw and cooked foods, meat bones and dairy products, as well as paper towels, and small garden waste.

To upgrade to a weekly collection, visit hobartcity.com.au/fogo. Additional costs apply.

Dahlias on show

HOBART'S best dahlias will take over the Hobart Town Hall ballroom in the season's final City of Hobart Floral Show.

The show will be open on Friday 11 March from 1pm to 5pm, and Saturday 12 March from 10am to 4pm.

Photographers are welcome to attend the shows prior to public opening from 8am to 10am on both days.

The Rotary Club of Salamanca will offer Devonshire teas and light refreshments.

Entry is free but a gold coin donation to the Hobart Horticultural Society is greatly appreciated.

Keep vegetation under control

OVERHANGING vegetation can pose a safety risk for pedestrians and motorists.

Property owners are reminded that they are responsible for keeping trees, hedges and shrubs within their property's boundary, and that vegetation does not obstruct public access or motorists' views.

To report overgrown vegetation that is causing a hazard, phone the City of Hobart on **03 6238 2711** or email coh@hobartcity.com.au.

Council meetings

COUNCIL Meetings start at 5pm, unless otherwise advertised.

All Council and Committee meetings are streamed live on the City of Hobart's YouTube channel, and agendas are published on the City's website.

Upcoming full Council meeting dates:

- Tue 15 & Mon 28 March
- Mon 11 April
- Mon 2, 16 & 30 May
- Tue 14 June

Huge response to e-scooters



E-scooters are being embraced by people of all ages under the new hire-and-ride trial.

ELECTRIC scooters have proven to be a zippy and convenient way to move around Hobart, as thousands of locals and visitors of all ages embrace the technology.

Around 180,000 rides were logged in the first two months of the app-based hire-and-ride e-scooter trial in Hobart.

The City of Hobart is working with police and community stakeholders on an ongoing program of signage improvements, consultation, and education to help make sure riders are using e-scooters safely and responsibly.

To provide feedback on e-scooter use in Hobart, use the dedicated contact form at hobartcity.com.au/escooter or phone **03 6238 2711**.

To report an incident involving a specific scooter, such as hazardous parking, contact the operators directly: **Neuron** (orange) **03 6163 9791** **Beam** (purple) **03 7302 8265**.

Riders are reminded of some key rules to follow when using an e-scooter:

- Riders must be at least 16 years old (18 for Neuron).
- One person only per scooter and no carrying children.
- Always wear a helmet, even for short trips.
- Leave your phone in your pocket and no drink-riding.
- Give way to pedestrians and share the space.
- Park thoughtfully and out of the way of others.

Online guide to household waste

WORKING out what can and can't be recycled is now a whole lot easier, with a comprehensive A–Z guide available on the City of Hobart's website.

From aerosol cans to zip lock bags, the list provides advice on how to best dispose of various household items, including whether they can be reused or recycled.

The website lists hundreds of individual waste items in alphabetical order for easy reference. It includes everyday household litter, larger items like hot water systems and electrical appliances, garden and construction waste, and hazardous materials.

For the record, aerosol cans can be placed in yellow household recycling bins, while zip lock bags are welcome in your local REDcycle soft plastics recycling unit. Explore the full list online at hobartcity.com.au/wasteA-Z.



Contractors Sam Cottrell-Davies and Titus Cardona Peart working on the new tracks.

Hidden haven for birdwatchers

BENEATH the famed reservoirs of the Waterworks, the Sandy Bay Rivulet meanders behind a row of houses on its quiet journey towards the Derwent. Alongside is a quiet walking track that leads to Fantail Quarry.

Marked by a round, blue mosaic, the quarry is a peaceful pocket where birdwatchers can get up close to some special feathered species, including the reserve's namesake: the grey fantail.

The Waterworks Valley Landcare Group has turned Fantail Quarry from a nondescript lacuna to a haven for local bird life.

With nesting boxes in the trees, and the planting of additional trees and shrubs known to attract native birds, this is an ideal spot for local and



The yellow-throated honeyeater is among the species that can be spotted at Fantail Quarry.

visiting birdwatchers – or twitchers – to enjoy.

Carol Bristow said the group was inspired by an aviary garden visited by a fellow member.

"It was a place that you could go where there were bird-attracting plants, and education for the community," she

said. "We thought it was a really nice idea, and this quarry was a location we had always thought it would be nice to do something with."

While birds like the masked lapwing and sulphur-crested cockatoo may be familiar to most Tasmanians, a new sign to

be installed at the quarry will aid keen birdwatchers in identifying the nearly 50 bird species that frequent the reserve.

"Since the tables have gone in, we've seen people having little picnics here," Ms Bristow said.

"With the sign up, we hope they'll stop and have a look around, and watch out for birds.

New tracks to explore

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been protected throughout the works, as have the root systems of the large blue gum and stringybark trees that attracted loggers to the area.

An important milestone in developing the City of Hobart's *Riding the Mountain* plan, the new link helps create a more connected network of tracks on the mountain.

The much-loved Upper Luge will also welcome back riders once rain has bedded down the track upgrades that have brought the existing informal track up to international trail building standards.

The work has been partly funded through a \$238,000 national Australian Government COVID-19 stimulus package to support tourism recovery, and is part of the City of Hobart's plans for better mountain bike riding opportunities.

Keep an eye out for:

- grey fantail
- white goshawk
- yellow-tailed black cockatoo
- green rosella
- pink robin
- superb blue wren
- yellow-throated honeyeater
- eastern spinebill
- silvereye
- black currawong

Trail upgrade boosts fire defence

FIRE trails play a critical role in managing bushfire risk and responding to bushfires in remote bushland.

The Big Bend Fire Trail on kunanyi/Mount Wellington underwent a major upgrade last year as part of Greater Hobart's strategic fire management program, improving access for firefighters. The \$250,000 upgrade was jointly funded by the City of Hobart, Glenorchy City Council, and TasWater.

Firefighters used the trail in 2019 to fight the Tom Thumb bushfire, which was sparked by a lightning strike. A quick response



by firefighters prevented it from escalating to become a major bushfire that could have threatened residential communities.

The trail has been widened and stabilised to allow better

access for fire crews to protect our community if there is a bushfire on the mountain. It can also be used as an emergency exit route from the summit to get people off the mountain in an emergency.

Works were undertaken in accordance with the approved Wellington Park Management Trust permit and Contract Environmental Management Plan, which were developed based on expert investigations into environmental and heritage values along the trail.

The City of Hobart manages and maintains 120kms of bushland fire trails as part of its bushfire management program.

Sister Cities milestone Cash rebate for cloth nappies

HOBART'S most enduring international friendship reached its 45th anniversary last month.

Formalised on 17 February 1977, the Sister Cities agreement with Yaizu, Japan, developed after tuna fishing fleets from Yaizu harboured in Hobart during the 1960s and 1970s.

Joint projects have been regularly undertaken between the two cities, including the creation of the Japanese Garden at the Royal Tasmanian Botanic Gardens.

Schools have played an important role in the ongoing



Sister Cities friendship, with student cultural exchanges taking place for three decades prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This month, participating schools will enjoy a shared cultural lunchtime to celebrate the anniversary.

CASH rebates are available to help parents make the switch to reusable cloth nappies.

About 466 tonnes of disposable nappies – or the equivalent of 100 full garbage trucks – are sent to landfill in Hobart each year.

They are the fourth most prevalent material in Hobart's residential waste, behind food waste, plastic packaging, and textiles.

With a child requiring an average 6000 disposable nappies from birth to toilet training, even substituting one nappy a

day can divert more than 1000 individual nappies from landfill over the child's life.

By comparison, it takes around 24 reusable cloth nappies to fulfil the same needs.

Residents of the City of Hobart local government area can access a 50 per cent rebate, up to \$50, on the price of cloth nappies to assist with the purchase costs. Proof of residency and proof of purchase are needed.

For full details and to claim the rebate visit www.hobartcity.com.au/clothingnappies.

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