

## Councillor Tony Briffa's

# Altona & Seaholme Community Update



January 2011 Summer Edition

### Enjoy summer in Altona & Seaholme!

I hope you, your family and friends had a great Christmas and are enjoying the summer. This special summer edition of my *Community Update* includes details about many of the events taking place Altona and Seaholme over the next few months. Please feel free to forward it to your neighbours and friends, and invite them to contact me at [tony.briffa@briffa.org](mailto:tony.briffa@briffa.org) if they would like to receive my *Community Updates* via email.

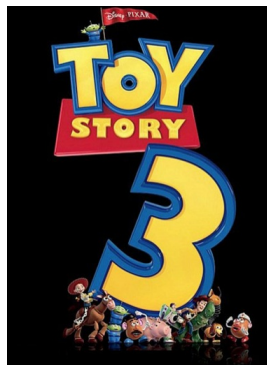
I wish you and your families the very best for a safe, healthy and happy 2011.

Sincerely,

Tony Briffa  
Deputy Mayor & Councillor for Altona & Seaholme

### FREE open air cinema at Logan Reserve, Altona

The council, Altona Village Traders and Twilight Cinemas will be screening family movies at Logan Reserve (the park on Pier St near the pier) on two nights in January. Why not bring your family, some cushions or seats, and enjoy a picnic at the park first? There will be lots of great food providers in the area too!



- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 9pm – “Toy Story 3” (G)
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 9pm – Movie TBD

### Summer by the Sea Program 2011

The DSE in conjunction with Birds Australia and the council are providing several events as part of the annual Summer by the Sea program:-

#### 1. A Dog's Breakfast!

Come to the Altona Doggy Beach for a free breakfast for dogs and their owner! The Altona Doggy Beach is a great spot for dogs and their owners to walk and play in the water, and is located at the rear of the Altona Sports Club on Altona Road, Seaholme. In addition to a free breakfast, a local vet will be offering discounted micro-chipping and Birds Australia will provide information about the biodiversity and wildlife on our local beaches.

- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January, 8.30am to 10.30am

#### 2. Walk on the Wild Side - Altona Seashell Safari

Bring your kids to the Altona Beach (near the Pier) to learn about the various sea shells we have from a Port Phillip Bay Keeper. Bookings essential – phone 9654 0670.

- Thursday 13 January, 11.30am – 12.15pm

#### 3. Coastal Creatures - Meet live snakes, lizards, frogs and stick insects.

Visit the Environment Resource Centre at the Altona Library for a special exhibition of things that hiss, slither and jump. (Yuk!)

- Thursday 20 January, 10am – 3.30pm
- Friday 21 January, 10am – 3.30pm

## Free music concerts in Altona

Hobsons Bay City Council will be putting on a number of free concerts around the city as part of the annual Summer Sounds program. In Altona, the concerts will be held at Logan Reserve, Pier St, on the following dates:

- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2pm to 4pm – Music by “Vika and Linda” and “Bec and Seb”.
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2pm to 4pm – Music by “Steve Percell’s Pearly Shells Orchestra”.
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2pm to 4pm – Music by “The Rich Family” and “Blow It Out Ya Brass”.

## Victoria Police providing free music in Altona

As part of their commitment to the local community, Victoria Police conduct a series of concerts in Logan Reserve over the summer. Feel free to bring your family, a rug, some cushions or chairs to have a picnic while enjoy the lovely music. Kids will also appreciate the playground in the reserve and going for an icecream at the beach! This year we’re lucky enough to have three concerts:

- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January, 12 noon to 2pm – Music by the Victoria Police Band “Code One”.
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 5pm to 7pm – Music by the Victoria Police Show Band.
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 5pm to 7pm – Music by the Victoria Police Band “Code One”.



## HUGE Australia Day Festivities in Altona

The Altona Village Traders Association are putting on another wonderful Australia Day in Altona with lots going on from 9am. There will be activities and entertainment all day at Logan Reserve, with great bands, sand castle competitions, sausage sizzle, children’s entertainment and workshops, Summer Sounds from 2pm to 4pm (Steve Percell’s Pearly Shells Orchestra), stalls, more live music from 6.30pm to 9pm and the spectacular fireworks launched from the Altona Beach at 9pm.

I will provide more details about the Australia Day events in a future *Community Update*.

- Australia Day in Altona - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 9am to 9.30pm.



## Midsumma Festival

Hobsons Bay will host a number of activities as part of the Midsumma Festival this year. In Altona, we will have a Contemporary Art Exhibition at the Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre, a Rainbow Family Picnic with Westside Circus at Logan Reserve, and a free Sailing Day at the Altona Yacht Club.

- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Sailing Day at the Altona Yacht Club. Contact Craig on 0408 878 954 or craggles9@gmail.com for more information.

- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February – GoWest Contemporary Art Exhibition at the Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre (Free event, 10am to 4pm daily from 29<sup>th</sup> January). The launch will be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm. Contact [louisj@bigpond.com.au](mailto:louisj@bigpond.com.au) for more information.



- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 11am to 3pm – Rainbow Family Picnic with Westside Circus. Family fun day with heaps of entertainment for the kids including jumping castle and face painting, or them into one of the half hour circus workshops by Westside Circus! Grab a sausage sizzle, bring a picnic or enjoy one of the local cafes or take away shops. (Circus Workshop registrations to Cynthia Nolan, on (03) 9482 2088 or [communityprogram@westsidecircus.org.au](mailto:communityprogram@westsidecircus.org.au).)



For details about other Midsumma events in Hobsons Bay, including free films at the Williamstown Mechanics Institute (Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January), an exciting Cabaret at the Substation in Newport (Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February), and story telling and writing workshops, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/gowest](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/gowest)

### Altona Beach Festival

The annual festival in Altona will be trying an exciting new format this year, which includes a new name and location. The name has changed from the “Bayside Festival” to the “Altona Beach Festival”, and will now be based at the Altona Beach (including Logan and Weaver Reserves). As previously promised, the council will continue to provide \$30,000 to the festival.

Festival favourites such as the parade and fireworks will continue, but as the focus is now the Altona Beach, the parade will take place in the

early evening, start at the council and conclude at Logan Reserve. The fireworks will be launched from the beach. I will provide further details about the festival in a future *Community Update*.



- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 10am to 10pm

### Regular Markets & Open Days in Altona:

**Altona Beach Market** – Every Tuesday at Pier Street.

**Lions Market** – The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month at Cherry Lake.

**Altona Historical Homestead** – Open every Tuesday from 11am to 2pm, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month from 2pm to 4pm.

**Truganina Explosives Reserve** – Open on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month from 1pm to 3pm.

I hope you've enjoyed my latest *Community Update*. Until next time,

*Tony*

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