

Centre Connect



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Mid-year update!

It is hard to believe our new-look Community Centres have been in operation for over six months. It's been an action-packed first half of the year, with brickbats as well as bouquets, but by and large, we hope you'll all agree there is a lot on offer for you, our members.

We delivered a hugely successful Fit for Life program, which not only introduced our community to the range of fitness programs our City offers, but it also put our Centres on the map. There are now many potential new members familiarising themselves with our range of activities.

Bus trips, as always, have been well received and we're sure you'll be very happy with the range of outings we have planned for the next six months. On top of all this we've held information sessions and events, introduced new activities, recruited valuable volunteers and our overall centre membership has escalated.

Most importantly, we've listened to you and thank all those who responded to the recent survey. You will see the results later in this edition; however, it was great to hear that you believe we're on the right track and are enjoying your time spent at the Centres.

We hope any changes we make as a result of your feedback will further cement your commitment to our community centres.

With the new financial year upon us it is a timely reminder that annual memberships are once again due. Your new membership cards will have an orange stripe for the 2019/20 financial year, to differentiate from the first half of the year's blue stripe. Please make sure your membership is up-to-date and thank you for your continued support.

Please speak to the City's friendly staff if you need any information or assistance.

Lynda Blackie

*Bayswater Community Centre
Program Officer*

and

Rosie Daniele

*Morley Community Centre
Program Officer*



Fit for Life celebratory morning tea and walk at Morley Community Centre

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Centre News

Important changes to Saturday Bingo

Morbay Active Ageing Association is no longer delivering bingo on a Saturday from Morley Community Centre. However, Bingo will continue to be held on a Saturday at Bayswater Community Centre. Times and days for Bingo are as follows:

Bayswater Community Centre:

Friday: 12.30pm to 3pm

Saturday: 12pm to 3pm

Morley Community Centre:

Wednesday: 11am to 2pm

On behalf of the City of Bayswater Community Centres, we would like to acknowledge and thank Morbay Active Ageing Association president, Betty Bainbridge, vice president, Gaye Roberts and its committee members for all their hard work and ongoing commitment in bringing bingo to the community.

Swap & Share

Many of you have mentioned how much you miss the Trading Tables, so we would like to introduce a 'Swap & Share' area at our Centres. There won't be a cost to members; it will be driven by donations. So, if you have good quality, pre-loved books or puzzles that you would like to pass on to other members, you will now have a place to do so. We hope you will participate and support this idea.

Raffles

Congratulations to winners of the recent Mother's Day raffle. A total of \$826 has been raised through the raffles to-date. These funds will contribute to a member's end of year Christmas event. The next raffle will be for Father's Day, with ticket sales opening on Wednesday 21 August for one week. Raffle tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased at the centres' welcome desk.



*Raffle winner,
Val Cruden*

Membership renewal reminder!

Annual membership is now open for renewal. Membership to the Community Centres for this year will remain at \$10, and will run from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

All members will need to renew their membership and show their new membership card to continue to access centre activities, services and outings.

Memberships can be renewed with the Centre Officers.



The results are in!

Thank you to everyone who completed a survey on the recent changes at the Centres.



Please find a full summary of members' feedback and next steps attached to the back page of this newsletter.

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Kurrajong tree to find new home

With work about to commence on the new Bayswater Station, the magnificent 80 year old Kurrajong Tree located on the corner of Coode Street and Whatley Crescent, will be undergoing preparations to be relocated. The City's arborist is overseeing the transfer of this beautiful tree, with the first steps being to encourage new root growth, in readiness for the move to its new site in December 2019.



Bert Wright Park will be the new home for the Kurrajong, which will be a massive undertaking involving cranes, road closures and landscaping.

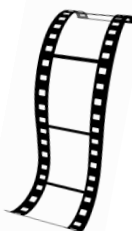
It will be quite a sight to see the tree brought along King William Street, and a magnificent addition to the surrounds of the Bayswater Community Centre.

Unreel Social

Bayswater Community Centre hosts a movie afternoon on the fourth Wednesday of the month, commencing at 12 noon. Ice cream is included in the \$2 entry fee.

The following movies will be screened over the next few months we would love to see as many of you as possible:

24 July:	Green Book
28 August:	Crazy Rich Asians
25 September:	King of Thieves
23 October:	The Greatest Showman



Bus trips update

Members have told us they want more bus trips through the City's Community Bus program. From 1 July 2019, the City will be putting on two dates a month of the same bus trip, to accommodate more members. Bus outings for August are as follows:

Optus Stadium tour and lunch

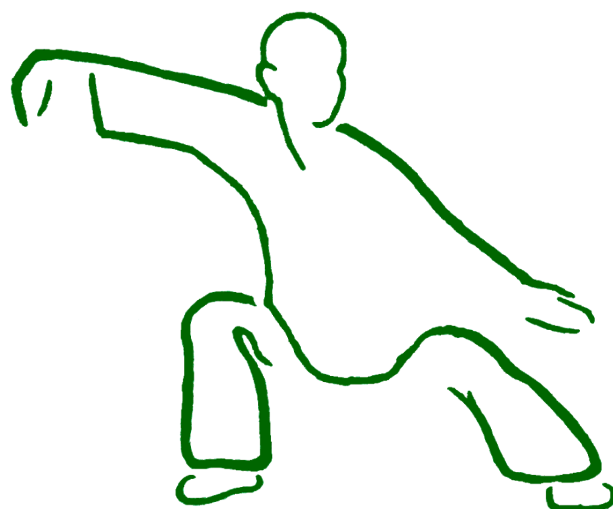
Friday 2 August or Monday 19 August.

Bookings for this trip open on **Monday 1 July**. Payment is required at the time of booking to secure a spot.

Charter bus trips through Elite Tours will continue to be advertised at the community centres. However, as from 1 July, members will need to make bookings and payment directly with Elite Tours. The pick-up for Elite Tours will be from Morley Community Centre.

Tai Chi - Friday class

Due to an overwhelming response to the modified Sun style Tai Chi class at Morley Community Centre, we are looking at holding an additional class on Friday from 1.30pm to 2.30pm. A registration of interest for this class can be found on the centre's notice board, so please sign-up if you're keen to attend.



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Podiatry services from 1 July 2019

We are pleased to announce that Life Active Podiatry (Dr Julian Boo) will continue to deliver podiatry services at the centres between 8.30am and 1pm on the following days:

Wednesday - Bayswater Community Centre

Thursday - Morley Community Centre

Important changes to note from 1 July are:

- The fee for a standard podiatry clinic for residents is \$30 and \$45 for non-residents.
- All clients who use podiatry services are required to become members of the City of Bayswater's Community Centres, and show their membership card at each clinic.

For more information about podiatry services, please speak to the Centres' Program Officers.

Volunteer update

Thank you, volunteers!

Volunteers are the heartbeat, not only of our City, but within our Community Centres.

We were proud to recognise the dedication of our volunteers during National Volunteer Week 2019.



Our volunteers in action work like a well-oiled machine and that was no more evident than during the Biggest Morning Tea hosted by Bayswater Community Centre in May.

Age Friendly Ambassadors, together with volunteers from Morley and Bayswater Community Centres banded together to host a magnificent event that we can all be proud of, raising money for a very worthy cause.

There would be few amongst us who have not been touched in one way or another by cancer, and our thanks go to everyone who supported the event. An amazing \$1,865 was raised on the day and has been sent to the Cancer Council.



Biggest morning tea volunteers and staff.

ACROD Info Session @ Bayswater

Members and the wider community enjoyed a fantastic ACROD Parking Program information session at the Bayswater Community Centre in May. Facilitated by National Disability Services, the session covered everything from eligibility and assessment, to how to complete an application form for an ACROD parking permit.

If you have any ideas/suggestions for other information sessions you'd like the centres to host, please let the Centre Officer know, or put your idea in the suggestion box.



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Age Friendly Ambassadors

If you're looking to get more involved in your community, the City's Age Friendly Ambassadors can help.

The Ambassadors are a group of passionate locals working to make Bayswater a better place to live for older adults. They are able to connect people to practical information and services and give a voice to older residents on community issues.



Age Friendly Ambassadors, Tim Benson and Karen Gomes

Over the next few months, the Age Friendly Ambassadors will be out and about at the centres, so please take the opportunity to have a chat.

For more information about the Age Friendly Ambassador program or to contact with a local ambassador, email:

ambassador@bayswater.wa.gov.au

Walking group

Following strong interest from Fit for Life attendees, the City is looking at running a walking group from the Morley Community Centre, meeting **Tuesdays at 8.15am.**



A registration of interest for this group can be found on the centre's notice board, so please sign-up if you're keen to get involved.

Fit for Life

The City's Fit for Life Program, was a huge success, with more than 200 residents attending free fitness classes for people aged 50 years and over during April and May 2019. Hosted at the Bayswater and Morley Community Centres, the six week program covered a wide range of activities, from Tai Chi to Line Dancing, all specifically designed for seniors.

If there is an activity you would like to see us provide as part of future 'Fit for Life' programs, please contact the City's Coordinator Active Ageing and Volunteers at:

community.services@bayswater.wa.gov.au
or phone 9270 4107.



Fit for Life attendee, Margaret Jackson

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City Spotlight with Deputy Mayor, Councillor Chris Cornish

What's your favourite thing about being a City of Bayswater Councillor?

As a Councillor you get to meet lots of people, and it is an honour to represent them, and their views, in council meetings. For many years, the City of Bayswater has been acknowledged for being a leader in transparency, community consultation and environmental initiatives; it's great to be a part of an organisations which has talented hardworking staff, a visionary council and a customer focussed culture.

If you won lottery, what is the first thing you'd do?

Smile and cheer.

What's your favourite film?

A recent favourite is 'A Star is Born'.

Do you have any special talents?

I can identify bureaucratic red tape and gradually eliminate it.

What do you do outside of your role as Councillor?

With a 2 year old girl and 8 and 12 year old sons, my wife and I generally spend any time away from work (and Council) with them.

Have more questions for our Deputy Mayor? Send your questions to:
council@bayswater.wa.gov.au



Deputy Mayor, Councillor Chris Cornish

Opening hours

Please be reminded that opening hours of the Bayswater and Morley Community Centres are strictly between **8.30am to 3pm**. Whilst we appreciate some members are keen to get into the centres before 8.30am, due to safety and staffing requirements, we are unable to open the centres before the official opening time. We appreciate your understanding and corporation with this.



Tell us what you think

Feedback is important to assist us to continue shaping activities at the centres. If you have any ideas, suggestions or concerns, please speak to the Centre Officers - Rosie Daniele (Morley) or Lynda Blackie(Bayswater) or us the suggestion box at the centres.