

SUNBURY

# Marking cultural richness

THE preservation and celebration of indigenous culture in Sunbury will be promoted in a series of events supported by Sunbury Community Health and the Sunbury Aboriginal Corporation. A project to make a possum skin cloak began last Friday.

Sunbury Community Health's Aboriginal community partnership and engagement officer Gail Radford said a cultural protocol process had been completed allowing for the making of the cloak.

"There are a lot of cultural considerations you have to go through and we have planned the themes of the cloak," she said.

The sowing of the pelts will be guided by a master cloak maker organised by the Wilin Centre.

The cloak will be publicly launched in November as part of a cultural festival in Sunbury.

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Maeve, 10, checks out some local fauna as she awaits the new guide. Picture: LUIS ENRIQUE ASCUI

## COME ON, TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

LIONS and tigers, and bears. Not quite.

A free guide exploring the native mammals, reptiles and frogs found in Hume's waterways, woodlands and grasslands will be released this week.

*Fauna of Hume* is a companion to the *Birds of Hume* field guide and features images of 61 native species from the eastern barred bandicoot to the growing grass frog and six of the most common

introduced species that can be spotted in the area. Mayor Geoff Porter said the guide would encourage residents to get outdoors and appreciate the "stunning" wildlife and nature. "Many of our native plants

and animals are facing various threats, leading to their decline, and possible extinction," he said. "The loss of habitat and the impact of introduced species are the two greatest threats to biodiversity."

The guide will be launched at the Hume Global Learning Centre in Broadmeadows Thursday from 6.30pm.

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# New carpark for station

300 extra spaces for commuters but location a mystery

Barry Kennedy

PLANNING on a new Sunbury station carpark with 300 spots for commuters is under way.

Public Transport Minister Jactina Allan and Sunbury state Labor MP Josh Bull yesterday announced the State Government was working with stakeholders and Hume Council on development of the carpark.



The Sunbury station carpark is often full by 7am on weekdays.

No possible decisions have been made for local changes and

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precinct. Ms Allan said planning would be finished by the middle of this year.

Carparking within Sunbury and especially surrounding the station has been a huge issue for residents, commuters and business owners for many years.

There are about 600 parking spots in the precinct for commuters, which are regularly full before 7am.

The new carpark will provide secure storage for cyclists and accessible parking for people with a disability.

...yet been released, but Mr Bull told the *Leader* on Monday that it "makes sense for it (the carpark) to go up".

"Carparking is causing commuters a lot of frustration," he said.

"Sunbury is a growing community and there's also commuter demand from the north of Sunbury.

"Adding commuter carparking at Sunbury station will help meet the long-term parking needs of commuters and shoppers, which will ease congestion in the Sunbury CBD and make life eas-

...for local shoppers and traders".

Ms Allan told the *Leader* the cost of the project would be subjected to the final plans, but funding for 300 spaces was guaranteed as part of the 2018-19 State Budget.

"Josh Bull has been leading the push working with VicTrack and other owners of land and it's a complicated mix of land owners," she said.

The announcement follows news last week of the \$60 million budget allocation for an extra 2000 parking spots at four major stations, including Craigieburn.

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