

SUNBURY

Speak up on your big ideas

Barry Kennedy

Government grants of between \$20,000 and \$200,000 each up for grabs

A DOG park, water-play area and path extensions are just some ideas which could come to fruition in Sunbury as part of a new State Government program.

Pick Your Project will offer grants of between \$20,000 and \$200,000. With applications closing on June 24, Sunbury Community Health will host a Pick Your Project ideas cafe next Monday from 7pm to

8.30pm at Sunbury Community Health, Macedon St.

Sunbury Community Health's building healthier communities manager Bernadette Hetherington said her organisation was keen to hear of big ideas.

"Pick Your Project offers a chance for great community ideas to see the light of day, it's the type of thing we are al-

ways trying to achieve, so there is the potential of some great outcomes," she said.

"It would be great if people come along and pitch their concepts and, from there, we can then work on how we can help support the application."

Ms Hetherington said she was aware of concepts including creating an Ashfield

dog park, a Sunbury water-play park and the extension of the Nook shared path.

Sunbury Community Health believes a welcome pack for new residents to the town could be a worthy project to pursue.

Pick Your Project ideas will be open for public voting, with the winning ideas announced in September.

The fund is worth \$30 million across the state.

Any idea that improves the community and has the backing of a professional organisational partner such as a health service, local council or school or other registered organisation, will be considered. Land owner consent is also required. Suburban Development

Minister Lily D'Ambrosio said the funding package opened up ideas for projects which might struggle to align with other funding criteria and programs.

"Local communities can now imagine, submit and vote for the projects they want — and we'll help make them happen," she said.

Details: pickmyproject.vic.gov.au/

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HARD DECISION MADE EASY ON FREE DROP-OFF DAY

HUME Council is offering residents a chance to fast-track their spring cleaning with free hard rubbish drop-offs.

Mattresses, couches, electrical items, white goods and car tyres are among the items which can be dropped at the municipality's two

recovery centres this Saturday.

Hume sustainable infrastructure and services director Peter Waite said that since July 2017, the council had carried out more than 11,000 hard rubbish collections.

In that period, he said the

council removed hard rubbish equivalent to about 37,000 cubic metres.

Last financial year, 1800 residents took advantage of free collections.

Residents can take up to 15 unwanted and unused items to either the Campbellfield recovery centre at 71 Bolinda

Rd or the Sunbury centre at 515 Riddell Rd.

The free drop-off is from 8am to 4pm. Residents need to provide a proof of Hume residency, such as a rates notice.

Rod Horton at the transfer station. Picture: ROB LEESON

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Madiba the Musical is a celebration of the visionary leader Nelson Mandela exploring the struggles behind his unyielding crusade for reconciliation in South Africa. With its pulsating African dance, stunning visuals and inspiring songs, Madiba the Musical is a unique theatrical experience to lift our spirits. Leader has 12 double passes, valued at \$179.80, to see Madiba the Musical at the Comedy Theatre on Friday, October 5, 7.30pm.

To enter, go to the competitions page at leadernews.com.au by 9am on Wednesday, June 6.

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