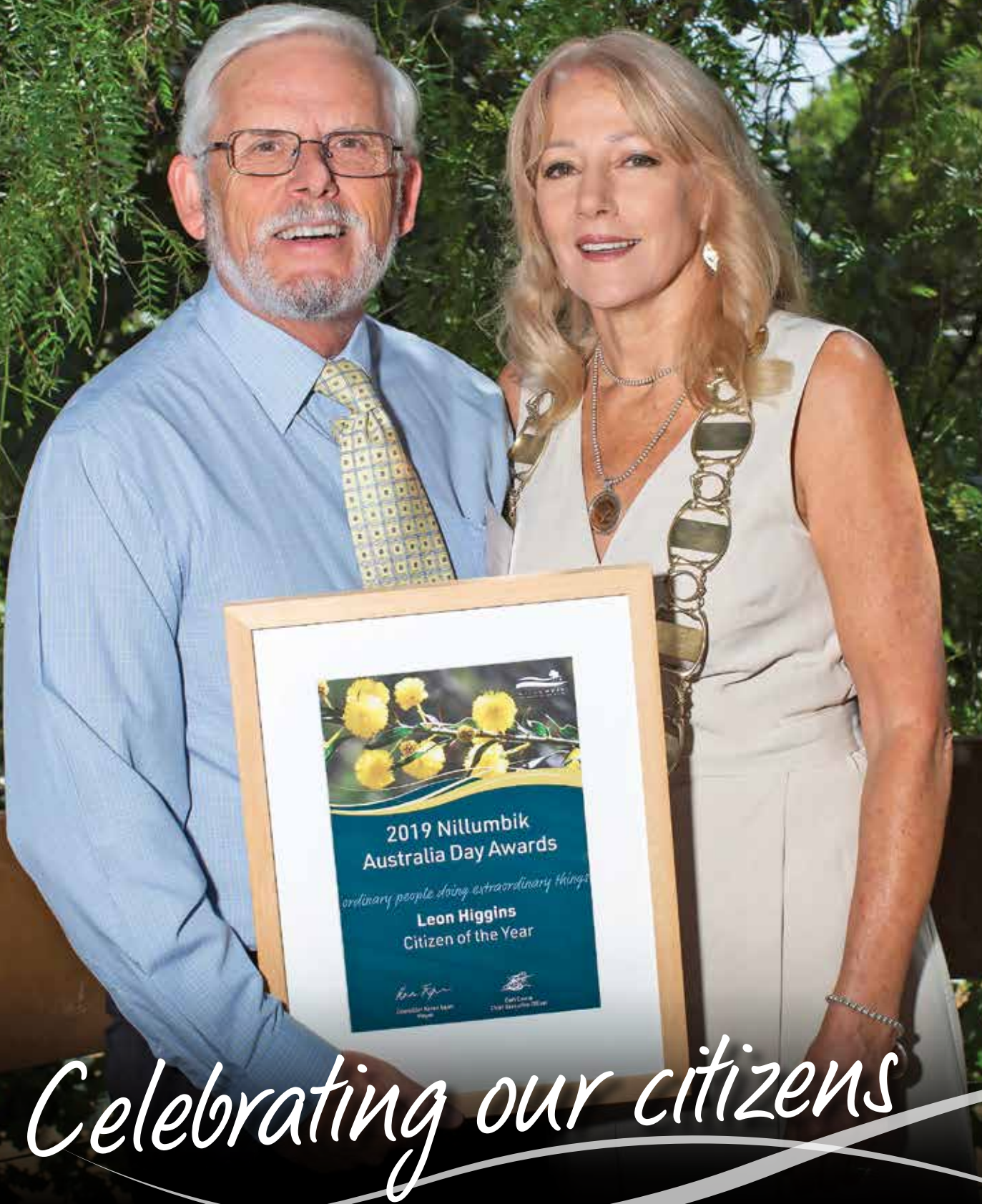


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Celebrating our citizens



Celebrating our citizens of the year

Recognising and rewarding some of our most outstanding citizens with the 2019 Nillumbik Australia Day Awards.

On a beautiful sunny day in January, the community was welcomed to our Australia Day Awards by the Diamond Valley Brass Band playing a range of iconic tunes and classic Aussie anthems. The Eltham Community and Reception Centre was packed with families, friends and well wishers as we acknowledged some of the community members who help make Nillumbik such a great place to live.

The 2019 Nillumbik **Citizen of the Year** is Eltham's **Leon Higgins**. Leon received the award for displaying incredible leadership skills and his unwavering dedication to various community organisations.

Some of these include the Eltham Men's Shed; Eltham Older Men, New Ideas (OM:NI); Hurstbridge OM:NI; Council on the Ageing (COTA) Victoria; the Judge Book Residents' Association of the Eltham Retirement Centre (now SVCS Eltham); Montmorency/Eltham RSL, and the Rotary Club of Eltham. He also spent a number of years as a senior referee with Eltham Wildcats Basketball.

Leon has volunteered his time to assist elderly and disabled residents at the Judge Book nursing home in Eltham, in between being the primary fundraiser for Eltham Men's Shed, where he is vice-president and responsible for public relations. He was

also instrumental in helping to establish the Hurstbridge OM:NI in the wake of the Black Saturday bushfires.

Leon's nomination was supported by representatives from a range of community groups and organisations – a testament to his efforts for the Nillumbik community.

Wattle Glen resident **Glen Ferrarotto** is Nillumbik's **Volunteer of the Year**. After serving in the army for 11 years and twice being deployed to Afghanistan with Special Operations, Glen now focuses on representing veterans of Nillumbik and Australia at community events, and educating young people about veterans' experiences. He has been senior vice-president of the Montmorency/Eltham RSL since 2017.

After his career in the army finished, Glen founded Ironside Recruitment – Australia's leading recruitment agency for veterans and ex-service personnel. He has previously been awarded Australia's Most Outstanding Contributor to Veteran Employment.

Glen is a passionate speaker who donates his time to helping others. He has spoken at Remembrance services and ANZAC Day events in Nillumbik, as well as schools and community gatherings.

Cameron Sibeijn of Diamond Creek has been named **Young Citizen of the Year** (aged 16-30). Cameron, 27, is the Captain of Yarrambat CFA, where he has been a member for 13 years. Nominated by CFA 3rd Lieutenant Mark Gravell, who said Cameron is "an outstanding example of today's youth," Cameron has demonstrated leadership skills within the brigade, from training new members to educating the community about fire safety. He has received a 10-year CFA service medal and National Emergency Medal for his efforts during the 2009 Black Saturday fires.

Regarded among his colleagues for helping people for no reward and being the first to put his hand up to assist when needed, Cameron has established himself as a respected member of the CFA.

Our **Senior Citizen of the Year** for 2019 is 75-year-old **Barry Backman** of Mernda. Barry was nominated for his commitment to the Diamond Creek Men's Shed over the past eight years and the Diamond Valley Lions Club for more than 30 years. Barry was instrumental in the formation of the Men's Shed in Diamond Creek in 2011.

A well-known and respected member of the community, Barry was responsible



LEFT PAGE: Young Citizen of the Year Cameron Sibeijn, Citizen of the Year Leon Higgins, Mayor Karen Egan, Senior Citizen of the Year Barry Backman, Community Group of the Year (Diamond Creek Op Shop) representative Irene Hubbard, and Volunteer of the Year Glen Ferrarotto.

ABOVE CLOCKWISE: Mayor Karen Egan with volunteers from the Diamond Creek Op Shop; Senior Citizen of the Year Barry Backman; Young Citizen of the Year Cameron Sibeijn, and Volunteer of the Year Glen Ferrarotto.

for organising the Diamond Creek Twilight Market for 22 years; a role he only relinquished in 2018. As membership secretary for the Diamond Creek Men's Shed, Barry's efforts saw member numbers grow to 90. His role within the Diamond Valley Lions Club has encompassed events such as Clean Up Australia Day, Arbour Day, ANZAC Day, selling Lions Club Christmas cakes, coordinating catering and lunches, Bunnings sausage sizzles, clean-ups of the Diamond Creek cemetery, fundraising, publicity and membership promotion, working bees and more.

Now residing at Mernda Retirement Village, Barry is an active member of the men's consultative group, organising social events and outings for residents. Described as thoughtful, patient, inclusive and with "a wicked sense of humour" by nominators from the Diamond Creek Men's Shed, Barry's commitment to the community has had an immeasurable impact over many years.

The 2019 **Community Group of the Year** is the **Diamond Creek Opportunity Shop**. Run by a team of committed volunteers, all proceeds from sales go towards the purchase of equipment for Austin Health sites. The team is always happy to go the extra mile and assist customers in finding that special something in the shop. Since it opened in 1981, the shop has raised approximately \$3 million for Austin Health sites, funding a broad range of medical equipment that has helped countless patients.

Welcoming our newest citizens

Following the award presentation, the crowd warmly welcomed our 43 newest Australian citizens, before everyone joined in heartfelt renditions of the national anthem and I Am Australian.

Prior to the citizenship ceremony, guest speaker Gillian Essex of Eltham delivered a thought-provoking and beautiful speech.

As president of Welcome to Eltham and an active member of the Jagajaga branch of Grandmothers Against Detention of Refugee Children, Gillian is a wonderful reflection of how compassionate and welcoming our community can be. She has worked closely and developed relationships with a number of refugees and asylum seekers, and is a passionate advocate for those without a voice.

Gillian was once principal of Strathewen Primary School, has been a creative writing tutor for U3A, and is a keen bushwalker.

Highly regarded as a poet, writer, and singer-songwriter, Gillian also reflects the passion for the arts and creativity that is so entwined in Nillumbik's identity.



from the Mayor

Welcome to the autumn edition of *Nillumbik News*.

It's hard to believe that February marked 10 years since Victorians experienced the worst recorded bushfires in our history. We reflect and remember those who died in the bushfires, learn about how the fires changed the lives of many, and how our resilient communities have rebuilt.

A number of local events were held in commemoration, including a visit by Victorian Governor the Honourable Linda Dessau AC to some of the worst affected sites in our Shire.

As we move into autumn in what has already been a busy year, there is much to look forward to. As a Council, we face a number of decisions of great significance in shaping our Shire's future.

This year, Council will hold four of its public meetings at various locations across the Shire as part of our efforts to encourage public participation.

I look forward to engaging more with you on the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan which will outline the best way for us to manage Nillumbik's Green Wedge, now and in the future. The Draft Plan will be out within the coming months for broader engagement and feedback.

The Federal election is looming. I have met with a number of Federal politicians with positive feedback for our advocacy campaign. It outlines our priorities to fix road congestion, upgrade sporting pavilions, social infrastructure and bolster our arts community.

A quick word of caution: although we are now in autumn, it's important to remember that high temperatures are not uncommon early in the season. Please take all necessary precautions in extreme weather or emergency situations. Visit the CFA website for information on how to protect yourself, your family, pets and property.

We're in for a lot of activity over the coming months. I look forward to working with you throughout this busy and exciting time.

Mayor, Cr Karen Egan

Green light for Hurstbridge recreational precinct

Council has officially approved an ambitious plan to turn a large open area in Hurstbridge into a valuable recreational precinct.

This means rezoning of the area can go ahead after the Council unanimously adopted the final precinct plan to transform the old Hurstbridge high school site into a valuable open space precinct.

Mayor Karen Egan said after extensive consultation, Council approved plans for the site which include a new natural amphitheatre, expanding the stadium, and the courts and creating a contemplative space.

The top three priorities identified through consultation were expanding the stadium improved use of the East Oval and optional outdoor courts.

"This plan reflects what the community wants – now we need to apply for funding to make it happen."

It also will serve as the gateway to the start of the Diamond Creek Trail, which when completed is set to attract 360 000 visitors annually.

Green Wedge Management Plan

Council's review of its Green Wedge Management Plan is set to move into its next phase with the imminent release of a draft plan.

The draft plan will draw on Council's response to the Community Panel's recommendations as well as on community feedback from the earlier phases of consultation and input from various experts.

In addition, Council has engaged the services of former Emergency Management Commissioner Craig Lapsley in order to assist it develop a comprehensive Bushfire Mitigation Strategy. This work will also help inform the updated Green Wedge Management Plan.

With Council's endorsement, the draft plan will be put out for community consultation with this engagement phase expected to last six weeks.

To learn more about the review process visit participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/gwmp

Putting Nillumbik on the map

For the first time, the Nillumbik region is featured on the regional Visitor Information & Touring Map, along with a selection of Nillumbik businesses.

The 2019 map was launched earlier this year and is a result of our partnership with Yarra Ranges Tourism. More than 200,000 copies of the map have been printed and will be distributed through the year both locally and internationally.

The maps are available from Nilumbik Cellars in Diamond Creek; Dark Horse Café in Kangaroo Ground; Kangaroo Ground General Store, and Montsalvat and Diamond Valley Railway in Eltham.

You can also view the map online at visitnillumbik.com.au, which is a new portal for visitors to the region and another outcome of our partnership with Yarra Ranges Tourism. The website showcases various restaurants, wineries, events, galleries and accommodation throughout the Shire.

To stay up-to-date with tourism activities, follow the Facebook page [@visitnillumbik](https://www.facebook.com/visitnillumbik) and remember to tag your social media posts with [#visitnillumbik](https://twitter.com/visitnillumbik)



Councillor Bruce Ranken helping a pupil from the Diamond Valley Special Developmental School with some planting.

Smiles all round as the Eltham North Adventure Playground opened for play

Just 12 months after the original playground was tragically destroyed by fire, Mayor Karen Egan cut the ribbon at the new adventure playground, letting an eager crowd of kids run in and explore.

Council and the community worked tirelessly together to rebuild this amazing new playground, which is attracting families from all over the region. There are areas in the playground for younger children like a small slide and sandpit, while older kids have higher climbing walls, a rope ladder and bigger slides.

We worked closely with the designers to ensure the playground is accessible, by widening doorways, adding ramps and connecting all the play spaces with paths. Before the official opening, a group of children from Diamond Valley Special Developmental School visited to plant trees and play. It was wonderful to see how inclusive the playground is.

Thanks go to the State Government and the Eltham and District Branch of the Bendigo Community Bank who supported the rebuild. We would like to acknowledge local organisations such as Bunnings of Eltham, The Eltham Men's Shed and the Diamond Valley Baptist Church who donated time, energy and equipment to the project. We would also like to thank the families who participated in our Community Blitz day. This project was a true example of Council and the community working together.

There will be opportunities to get involved in further landscaping projects soon. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for details.

Taking democracy on the road in 2019

As part of its 2019 schedule Council is holding four of its meetings at venues other than the council chambers.

The first of these was held in St Andrews on 26 February. Other out-of-chambers meetings will be held in Hurstbridge, Eltham and Diamond Creek this year.

Mayor Karen Egan said the meeting schedule was part of an overall aim to encourage community engagement with Council's decision-making process.

"We know how passionate Nillumbik residents are about the issues that affect them and the broader community," Cr Egan said.

"Council is committed to ensuring that they are sufficiently engaged with the process through which we as their elected representatives make key decisions.

"As a councillor who represents a ward which includes our Shire's northernmost reaches, I'm very aware of the importance of ensuring that the whole community is engaged and included as we make our decisions.

"The aim in holding these meetings is to make it easier for people to attend by bringing it closer to home, quite literally.

"It will enable a cross section of our community, whether it be those who are busy with family and work commitments

or those for whom access and mobility may be an issue, to better engage with our local democratic process."

The schedule of Ordinary Meetings of Council to be held out-of-chambers in 2019 is as follows:

- **28 May**
Hurstbridge Community Hub,
50 Graysharps Road
Hurstbridge
- **27 August**
Eltham Community and
Reception Centre,
801 Main Road
Eltham
- **26 November**
Community Bank Stadium (Level 1),
Main Hurstbridge Road
Diamond Creek

Nillumbik Council has released its schedule of public meetings for 2019 which include 13 Ordinary Meetings of Council and 11 Future of Nillumbik Council meetings.

The full 2019 meeting schedule can be found at

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings

Wastewater management

The 2019-2021 Nillumbik Domestic Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP) is currently in development.

The Plan's primary purpose is to prevent environmental pollution from on-site wastewater treatment systems (septics) at the source, and where this is not possible, to minimise the potential impacts on human health and the environment.

Council is responsible for developing and implementing the Nillumbik DWMP. As part of this process we are consulting and engaging with the community and Yarra Valley Water to ensure that the plan is relevant, integrated and achievable.

In early December 2018, we conducted a series of drop-in information sessions

across the Shire, to open a conversation with community members about domestic wastewater management and the wastewater issues that are important to them. We made note of the issues raised during conversations and surveys completed at these sessions, which have helped to inform the draft Plan.

The draft Plan will be open for public comment in March 2019 and we are seeking your feedback. You will be able to view the draft and provide your comments at our Participate Nillumbik site.

participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/dwmp

Public holiday bin collections and opening times



Bins **will not be** collected on Good Friday (19 April) or Anzac Day (25 April) and will be collected the next day.

The Civic Centre in Greensborough will be closed on 11 March and 19, 22 and 25 April.

The Recycling and Recovery Centre in Plenty will be closed on 11 March and 19, 20, 21 and 22 April.

Nillumbik Prize now open to artists nationally

Nillumbik Prize Contemporary Art is now open to emerging and established artists nationally working in any medium. Acquisitive prize is \$20,000. Entries close 12 April.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/nillumbikprize

IDAHOBIT Day

Get involved with International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism, and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) on 17 May.

Council is offering a number of grants of up to \$1,000 each to get celebrations underway for community and non-profit groups. Deadline to apply is 29 March. To discuss your idea phone 9433 3536 or email inclusion@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Grants for art projects

The next funding round will open early to mid-year for projects to be delivered between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/artsgrants

Environmental advisory committees

We currently have vacancies on our Environment and Sustainability Advisory Committee and our Panton Hill Bushland Reserves Advisory Committee.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/environment

Meeting our children's growing needs

All Victorian councils are reviewing the way we do things to ensure that early years buildings and services continue to meet the changing needs of families and children, along with the Government's future direction for childhood education and care.

It's now more common than ever for both parents to have jobs. This means parents need education and care services that fit in with their work demands.

Secondly, more than half the buildings where these services are provided in Nillumbik, are over 50 years old. They struggle to meet the needs of current day education and care programs.

Recently, in recognition of the importance of Early Years education and care, and the changing needs of families, the State Government committed to fund 3-year-old kindergarten.

This funding will be implemented over the next 10 years. This may change what services are available and how families use them. Nillumbik needs to plan for this.

What's our plan? Well, last December we invited representatives from Early Years services across the Shire to form a reference group, which meets this March to brainstorm the challenges and give feedback later this year to help us develop a new Early Years Infrastructure Plan.

This plan aims to change the way we deliver early years services to ensure our children have the best possible facilities, care and education into the future.



Time to register your pets

Pet registration renewals are due on 10 April 2019. If you currently have a registered pet, you should receive a renewal notice in the mail soon.

Registration fees go toward the provision of numerous animal management services and programs throughout the Shire, including the local pound service, dog parks, and a free boarding service for pets of families experiencing family violence.

Registration fees are also used to help us educate the community about responsible pet ownership. Ensuring your pet is microchipped and registered increases the chances of being reunited if it goes missing. The Community Safety team strives to reunite owners with their lost pet within 24 hours if the pet is both microchipped and registered.

Plenty of us are pet owners: there are currently 3,530 cats and 12,144 dogs registered within the Shire. In 2018 we cared for 189 Nillumbik registered dogs

at the pound. More than 94 per cent of these dogs were either returned to their owners or rehomed through our partnership with the Save a Dog Scheme.

Remember that we can assist if you want to know more about responsible pet ownership. If you have a question, feel free to chat to one of our friendly Community Safety officers when you see them. You can also attend our Pet Expo, held in Diamond Creek in October each year, or contact us for a copy of the guide 'Responsible Pet Ownership in Nillumbik: You and Your Pet', available for both cats and dogs.

You can download a copy from nillumbik.vic.gov.au/petownership or give us a call, email or drop by the Civic Centre in Greensborough.

Potential development of 895 and 903-907 Main Road, Eltham

Work continues on the next phase of an urban renewal planning process aimed at revitalising the area which takes in 895 and 903-907 Main Road Eltham.

These Council-owned sites consist of the former Eltham Shire offices – vacant since 1996 – and the Eltham War Memorial buildings complex.

Having received strong interest from the private sector through the Expression of Interest phase, Council invited shortlisted proponents to participate in the Request for Proposal (RFP) phase with a submission received in December and which is now being assessed by a Council appointed panel of experts. The panel will assess the submission against

the criteria reflecting Council's vision and principles for the area.

Depending on Council consideration of the submission's feasibility, it will be subject to an extensive process of broader community engagement across the entire development proposal to inform future Council decisions on the project.

For more information visit the Townships page of Council's website nillumbik.vic.gov.au/elthamdev895

Brand new playground – and tram

A state-of-the-art playground and a historic tram will be the centre pieces of a new iconic precinct for Diamond Creek.

Construction of the playground is set to start mid-year and will complete the Diamond Creek Regional Park, which is home to a number of parks, the Marnbrook and Coventry ovals, an outdoor pool and recreational open space.

Mayor Karen Egan said Council was successful in obtaining State Government funding of \$2.5 million to build the playground after highlighting both its local and regional patronage potential and its proximity to the Diamond Creek Trail.

"This will complete the regional park as a family destination and be the jewel in the crown for Diamond Creek," Cr Egan said.

The project will include a car park, playground equipment, picnic areas and educational apps that support augmented reality discovery learning experiences.

The tram will be the focal point of the playground area. The decommissioned historic Melbourne tram was secured

by community groups after the State Government announced it had around 127 trams to rehome.

A joint submission by Diamond Creek CFA member Joshua Allen, Diamond Creek Rotary Club's Kerry Jones and Diamond Creek Men's Shed stalwart – assisted by Council – was the best of 1500 applications. As a result, the trio got the pick of the trams. They formed the Diamond Creek Tram Project and extended the committee to eight members.

The tram is going to be refurbished into a community-run coffee shop, with a latte opportunity for different local groups to run it throughout the year. All profits will be donated back to those community groups.

A solar system, air conditioner, plumbing and building supplies have been donated for the tram, but the group is looking to get more community involvement in setting up the project, keep an eye on our Facebook to get involved.



New playground a hit with youngsters

Kids are loving the newly opened \$1.2 million Civic Drive Playground

The project transformed two largely unused grassy areas near the Civic Offices on Civic Drive, Greensborough into a state-of-the-art playground.

It includes tower play and boulder climbing units, accessible swing, ropes and a totem pole course, flying fox, spinner, inclusive sand play and musical play elements.

A giant mosaic snake has been created with ceramic tiles hand-painted by local school children. Another attraction is the half basketball/netball court with a hoop which can be used as a stage, with tiered grassed seating creating an amphitheatre.

There will be picnic tables and shady trees, and space to kick the ball around and have fun.

International Women's Day

Held around the world on 8 March, International Women's Day (IWD) seeks to drive gender equality and celebrate women in our community. Nillumbik will be celebrating this year with a dinner at Eltham Community and Reception Centre on Thursday 7 March.

The 2019 theme is #BalanceForBetter; a topic our guest speakers – Executive Director of Victorian Women's Trust Mary Crooks AO and author Bev Brock OAM – will address.

There will also be musical performances by local women artists, and a women in business marketplace.

The celebrations are part of our commitment to the Nillumbik Gender Equity Policy, which seeks to challenge gender stereotypes, promote women's independence and decision making, strengthen positive, equal and respectful relationships, and challenge the condoning of violence against women.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/iwd

Government lobbying paying off

Council is continuing to lobby both levels of governments to fund much needed improvements to roads, sporting pavilions and community upgrades.

The extension of the Diamond Creek Trail from Diamond Creek to Hurstbridge is one of the main priorities, along with a regional art gallery and extending mobile phone coverage to minimise black spots.

Already the Federal Government has committed \$5 million to congestion busting at Main Road and Fitzsimons Lane, Eltham. Council will also receive \$8 million from the State Government toward the next stage of the Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre (DVSFC) redevelopment. The funding will enable the construction of three additional indoor multi-sports courts, change room and office upgrades, along with other improvements.

Mayor Karen Egan said she looked forward to meeting all candidates for the upcoming Federal election to advocate for better community outcomes.

See Council's Federal Government Advocacy Statement at nillumbik.vic.gov.au/fedelection

The future of housing in Nillumbik

Council's vision is for Nillumbik to be Australia's most liveable Shire. A key component to achieving this is to ensure the availability of quality housing, suited to community needs.

The characteristics that make Nillumbik such a great place to live, also present some of the major challenges in ensuring the ideal mix of housing.

To identify and meet these needs Council is developing a comprehensive Housing Strategy to address the combination of characteristics and issues faced by the Shire. These include:

- An ageing population (it is forecast that by 2036 one third of the Shire's residents will be 55 and older);
- 91 per cent of the Shire is zoned Green Wedge, which restricts the options for housing locations under State Government policy (i.e. preference for housing in urban areas);
- Affordability (Nillumbik's median house valuation is significantly higher than the statewide median).
- Detached dwellings comprising a large proportion of housing in the Shire with 90 per cent of these comprising three or more bedrooms.

In light of these challenges, council's Housing Strategy will be a critical tool to direct its actions to house Nillumbik's population to 2036.

The Housing Strategy will impact a number of other far-reaching Council initiatives including the extensive work underway on Positive Ageing in the Shire.

Not surprisingly, many of our long-time residents want to remain in their community as they grow older. However, to do so could mean finding more accessible housing requiring less upkeep. At the other end of the spectrum, the lack of housing diversity and affordability also means it is difficult for younger people to remain or be attracted to the Shire.

The combined challenges of an ageing population, the need for more affordable (including rental) housing and maintaining the neighbourhood character that makes the various parts of the Shire so beloved by the community, will be addressed in the Housing Strategy.

Stay tuned for updates over the next 12 months.



Mayor Karen Egan wishes Marjorie Taylor a happy 100th birthday

A century of caring

Marjorie Taylor had a hundred good reasons to smile on her birthday.

The Eltham great-grandmother turned 100 on Thursday 10 January and received congratulations from the Queen, as well as a visit from Nillumbik Mayor Karen Egan who brought with her a framed letter of congratulations, a bunch of flowers and good wishes from all of the councillors.

Cr Egan said Nillumbik had one of the highest life expectancy rates in Victoria and she expected many more residents to reach the three digit milestone.

"Huge congratulations to Mrs Taylor and her family. She's a shining example of ageing positively," Cr Egan said.

Marjorie was born in Footscray on 10 January 1919. She qualified as a hairdresser and ran her own salon in the city during WWII before she married Benjamin Taylor, a former Shire Councillor, and moved to Eltham.

The mother of four has always lived up to her motto "there's no such thing as being bored."

Over the years Marjorie has volunteered at St Margaret's Anglican Church in Eltham, Anglicare, Link, Foodshare and a host of other community groups.

Meanwhile residents over the age of 55 are being reminded to keep an eye out for their local Positive Ageing Advisory Committee member who will be representing them to help them live healthy active lives.

Twenty committee members have been appointed to support Council in reviewing the 2013-2018 Positive Ageing Plan and provide Council with feedback to help form the new 2019 – 2022 action plan, due to be released early this year.

The committee is a diverse group from townships across the Shire and represents a wide variety of ages, backgrounds and interests.

DETAILS nillumbik.vic.gov.au/People-and-family/Positive-Ageing or contact Council's Positive Ageing Officer on 9433 3345.

Big achievements for small business

Nillumbik's nominees for the Northern Business Achievement Awards (NBAA) will be announced at a breakfast on Thursday 7 March.

The awards are hosted by Northlink, which is a partnership of industry, education, local and state government and decision makers across Melbourne's north. The awards recognise the achievements of small-to-medium businesses and young achievers, and encourage excellence, growth and competitiveness.

Last year, our nominees both walked away winners at the NBAA Grand Finale.

Balashi Flowers of Doreen received the Customer Service Award and Eltham's The Project Office & Enesys won the Sustainability and Environment Award.

Keep an eye out on our website and social media in March for the announcement of our 2019 nominees. The final award winners will be announced in December.

Help reduce impact of feral animals

Feral deer are proving a major problem in both rural and urban areas of the Shire – they've even been spotted walking down Eltham's Main Street.

Deer, along with rabbits and foxes, degrade natural areas, waterways, farmland and suburban gardens, and threaten the survival of the Shire's most vulnerable species.

To help better understand the problem, we are calling on landowners and the community to report all feral deer sightings on a central website:

DeerScan.org.au

An important step in tackling the problem is our new Sugarloaf Link project. Register to find out more about how we hope to reduce the impact of feral deer (and foxes and weeds) on the amazing biodiversity and habitat corridor of the Christmas Hills and Bend of Islands area, and to stop deer from spreading further south.

When it comes to feral rabbit and fox control, late summer to early autumn is

a crucial time for action when population numbers are lowest. We are currently undertaking rabbit control in our bushland reserves, as well as targeted fox control to help protect the vulnerable Brush-tailed Phascogale.

None of these animals respect boundaries, so we all need to work together to tackle the problem. Coordinate with your neighbours and local Landcare group and visit our website for some simple tips. This is important for both rural and urban areas.

Come along to the Nillumbik land management and biodiversity mini-expo in May at Allwood Neighbourhood House, Hurstbridge – visit our website for the date and time.

DETAILS nillumbik.vic.gov.au/environment or call Nillumbik's Land Management Officer on 9433 3207



Community Bank Stadium's new solar photovoltaic panels

Community Bank Stadium solar upgrades

Community Bank Stadium in Diamond Creek now has one of Victoria's largest solar battery systems, which will provide up to 75 per cent of the stadium's electricity.

The system includes solar photovoltaic rooftop panels, a rechargeable battery system and an electric vehicle charging station. As well as powering the stadium when the sun goes down, the battery system can provide up to eight hours of electricity in a power outage, including in an emergency and when functioning as a relief centre.

Check out the display monitor in the stadium foyer which shows live data

about the building's energy use and supply.

This project is one of 43 recently-completed or planned solar installations across Nillumbik. It is co-funded by Council and the Victorian Government's New Energy Jobs Fund.

Learn how your household can make use of solar energy and reduce your bills nillumbik.vic.gov.au/energy

Enjoy our local bushland



It's autumn. As the weather cools, it's a great time to take a bushwalk in one of Nillumbik's many reserves.

The currawongs are singing and Greenhood orchids are poking their pretty heads out of the earth.

Council's Bulwidj, Bunjil and Wimbi reserves provide great walks for a variety of abilities, just minutes from Pantom Hill.

ABOVE: Nodding Greenhood (*Pterostylis nutans*) orchid

TAKE YOUR E-WASTE TO A BETTER PLACE



This July a ban on the disposal of e-waste into landfill will come into force across Victoria.

E-waste is anything with a plug, battery or cord that is no longer working or wanted – like TVs, computers, appliances, light bulbs and batteries. It is the fastest-growing type of waste worldwide, and many items contain valuable materials that can be recovered and reused or hazardous materials that we need to keep out of the environment.

Recycle your e-waste free of charge:

- at Nillumbik's Recycling & Recovery Centre, 290 Yan Yean Road, Plenty – open 8am-4pm Friday to Monday (closed Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and public holidays)
- through your annual hard waste collection – book a collection on our website or call 9433 3512

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/waste



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We may have reached the end of summer but in our rural ward vigilance around fire safety and preparedness remains important. There are a number of Neighbourhood Safe Places (NSPs) or Places of Last Resort in our Shire but a fire plan and leaving early are key. Council and the CFA websites carry important information about how to plan for emergencies, including what to do with pets and horses.

I'm also pleased to note the completion of a number of footpath construction projects in the ward in recent months, among these being the works from Yan Yean Road to Doreen Primary School.

On another pleasing note, it was great to see the enterprise and innovation of a local business recognised when Doreen-based Balashi Flowers took out the customer service prize at the Northern Business Achievement Awards.



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I'm looking forward to several projects coming to fruition throughout 2019. This will include the completion of a number of pavilions that will provide state-of-the-art facilities for our many sporting and community groups.

It was wonderful to see the Eltham North Adventure Playground completed in December 2018. I commend the teams working on this project, who helped ensure we could get the new playground designed, built and accessible to the public in time for the Christmas school holidays. We promised it would be finished within 12 months, and we delivered.

The next phase of the urban renewal process aimed at revitalising the area taking in 895 and 903-907 Main Rd Eltham continues. The proposal has been welcomed by local traders and we will continue to engage and inform the community on this venture.



Councillor Grant Brooker
Blue Lake Ward

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The State election result will see an \$8 million commitment towards the redevelopment of the Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre (DVSFC), as identified in the masterplan approved by Council. In addition to Council funding and \$6.5 million from the Growing Suburbs Fund for priority works, this will be the second-largest infrastructure outlay in the Shire's history. Thanks again to Member for Eltham Vicki Ward for her advocacy.

The Civic Drive playground opened in time for Christmas. Council applied for a Growing Suburbs Fund allocation and jointly contributed to this \$1.285 million project. Thanks to Friends of Apollo Parkways (FoAP) for its 11-year advocacy effort to save community space for park and recreational use.

Challenges ahead include finding an appropriate balance between a redevelopment of 895 and 903-907 Main Road Eltham that retains its historic identity, adds to community infrastructure, and funds both.



Councillor John Dumaresq
Edendale Ward

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One of my highlights of 2018 was the opening of the new Eltham North Adventure Playground. Many families attended and the playground was busy throughout the school holidays. Local businesses and community members assisted with this project; your hard work has paid off and I hope you enjoy the amazing new playground for many years to come. Look out for opportunities to get involved in further landscaping projects during 2019.

Over at Edendale, the new facilities, including a permanent kiosk, decking and nursery shed, are completed and being used by local families and school children.

The redevelopment of the Eltham North Reserve is well underway and due for completion this year. The upgrade includes new change rooms, kitchen facilities and a first aid room. This is an exciting project which will provide modern facilities for our local sporting clubs.



Councillor Peter Perkins
Ellis Ward

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Diamond Creek is certainly living up to its name as Nillumbik's jewel in the crown.

Multi-million dollar projects on the go include:

- the \$1.63 million Marngrook Oval Pavilion Development, due for completion late this year;
- The \$3.1 million Diamond Creek Netball Pavilion redevelopment including accessible change rooms and unisex change areas for players and umpires
- the \$12 million Diamond Creek trail extension to Hurstbridge
- the \$2.5 million state-of-the-art regional play space in Diamond Creek Reserve which includes picnic areas, all abilities and all ages play equipment, and a W-class tram as the focal point – all set in a landscaped parkland setting. The tram is being refurbished with the community's help into a community-run coffee shop.

I am proud to have worked with MP Danielle Green over many years to help bring these projects to fruition.



Councillor Jane Ashton
Sugarloaf Ward

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Sugarloaf Ward residents did a great job preparing their properties for the fire season. Council complemented this with mowing and vegetation removal on roadsides and in reserves, and VicRoads eventually mowed along their barriers in Kangaroo Ground. We continue to work with local CFAs to ensure access to water tanks and hydrants and to investigate cool burns.

Climate change is impacting most of Australia including Nillumbik, so sustainable land management and weed and feral animal control will be some focus areas in my new role as Chair of Council's Environment Portfolio. Council will be inviting community feedback about the draft Green Wedge Management Plan, to which I look forward to a positive response.

Melbourne Water has notified Christmas Hills residents that potential land disposal options have been referred to other government departments and recommendations will take some time.

Happy Easter and enjoy the cooler weather.



Councillor Peter Clarke
Wingrove Ward

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The State Government Activity Centre planning zone which our Council inherited, was creating poor development outcomes and a lack of appropriate controls.

I have made it a priority to both, protect and enhance, the Eltham Town Centre.

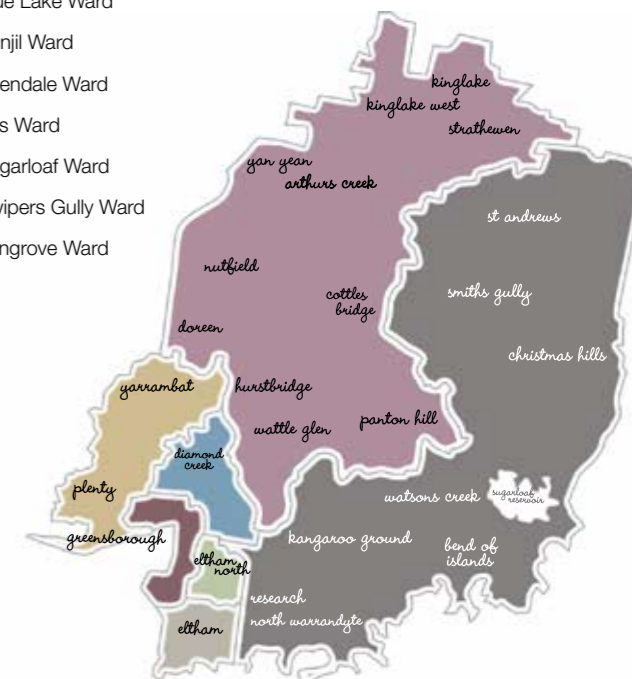
It's very pleasing therefore that work is progressing to define the urban design elements that would reflect the rich local heritage as well as delivering the necessary reinvigoration.

I chair an advisory group, comprising community and Council representatives, formed 12 months ago to examine the importance of certain building materials, building design and landscaping to enhance the centre's character.

The findings of this advisory group will also inform a broader review, currently underway, to update planning policy for the Eltham Town Centre and amend the planning scheme to achieve better outcomes with clearer controls.

KEY

- Blue Lake Ward
- Bunjil Ward
- Edendale Ward
- Ellis Ward
- Sugarloaf Ward
- Swipers Gully Ward
- Wingrove Ward



Postal address for Council and all Councillors:

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March EVENTS

ARTS AND CULTURE

Limited Edition

Whole of March
Eltham Library Community Gallery
An exhibition featuring the works of Kate Hudson and Steve Hudson, a collection of linocuts of the flowers and birds seen around the Eltham area.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ELCG

Gallery Gigs

Eltham Library Community Gallery
A series of free events which include artist demonstrations and workshops, interactive and collaborative activities, plus live music/entertainment.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ELCG

Courthouse Poetry Readings

Thursday 21 March 7.30pm
Eltham Courthouse,
728 Main Road, Eltham
Featured poet and open mic, as well as snacks and drinks. \$5 entry.
DETAILS [📞 Helen Lucas 0438 339 732](tel:0438339732)

Come Together Music and Arts Festival

Saturday 30 March 1pm-9pm
Edendale Community Environment Farm
Family-friendly music and arts across two stages to help raise awareness around mental health and multi-culturalism.
cometogether.org.au

ENVIRONMENT

Organic gardening

Saturday 16 March 10am-3pm
Edendale Community Environment Farm
Learn how to grow organic vegetables, herbs and fruits. Cost: \$65.
edendale.vic.gov.au

Worm farms

Saturday 16 March 3pm-4pm
Edendale Community Environment Farm
Learn how to set up and manage a worm farm. Free.
edendale.vic.gov.au



Home Harvest Picnic – connect, grow, eat, enjoy

Sunday 31 March 4.30pm-8pm
Edendale Community Environment Farm

Join us for a delicious community picnic. A talented chef and local students will prepare an amazing picnic spread, using home-grown produce from local growers. Register as a grower and receive a prepared picnic basket; purchase tickets that include a prepared picnic basket, or bring your own picnic. You can also enter our friendly but fierce fruit and vegetable competition.

edendale.vic.gov.au

TICKETS trybooking.com/462849

BUSINESS

Small Business Bus

Friday 15 March 10am-4pm
Hurstbridge Train Station
Free business mentoring sessions from the State Government's Small Business Mentoring Service.
BOOKINGS
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/businessevents

COMMUNITY

International Women's Day dinner

Thursday 7 March 6pm-9.30pm
Eltham Community & Reception Centre
A local celebration of International Women's Day and the 2019 theme of #BalanceForBetter. Guest speakers, a Women in Business marketplace, and entertainment.
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/iwd

Orientation Research

Thursday 7 March 6.30pm-8.30pm
Research Park
Park and street orienteering is a fun, social way to give your body and mind a great workout. Suitable for ages and abilities, compete individually or in a group. Cost: \$5.
nillumbik.vic.gov.au

HEALTH

Immunisations

Diamond Creek Senior Citizens Centre
6 and 18 March 9am-11am
Eltham Library
8 March 9am-11am and
26 March 1.30pm-3.30pm
Hurstbridge Hub
20 March 9am-11am
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/immunisations

MARKETS

St Andrews Market

Saturdays 9am-2pm
Kangaroo Ground-St Andrews Road, St Andrews
Regulars include arts and crafts and a great selection of foods.
facebook.com/StAndrewsMarket

Wadambuk Makers Market

First Saturday of the month 9am-2pm
St Andrews Community Centre,
35 Caledonia Street St Andrews
Stalls include soap, clothing, jewellery, homewares and toys.
facebook.com/WadambukMakersMarket/

April EVENTS

ARTS AND CULTURE

Creative Minds

4 April – 6 May
Eltham Library Community Gallery
Nillumbik 2018 VCE Art and Studio Arts students present a wonderfully diverse exhibition of artworks.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ELCG

Courthouse Poetry Readings

Thursday 18 April 7.30pm
Eltham Courthouse,
728 Main Road, Eltham
Featured poet and open mic, as well as snacks and drinks. \$5 entry.
DETAILS [📞 Helen Lucas 0438 339 732](tel:0438339732)

Poetry @ Chrissy Hills

Thursday 25 April 7.30pm
Christmas Hills Mechanics' Institute Hall
Listen to poet Catherine Bateson and Open Mic, \$5 Entry
DETAILS [📞 Sandy 0418 523 644](tel:0418523644)

BUSINESS

Start Me, Grow Me small business forum

Thursday 4 April 6pm-7.30pm
Nillumbik Banyule Tech School
Get free and direct access to local, state and federal government agencies and business advisors through this networking opportunity.
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/businessevents

Tax Essentials for small business

Wednesday 10 April 10am-12pm
Council Chambers, Civic Drive Greensborough
Free workshop run by ATO staff about tax rates and obligations; allowable deductions and more.
REGISTER
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/businessevents

Small business bus

Tuesday 30 April 10am-4pm
Corner Pryor Street and Commercial Place, Eltham
Free business mentoring sessions from the Victorian Government's Small Business Mentoring Service.
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/businessevents



Nillumbik Arts Youth Festival

Saturday 13 April 10am-4pm
Eltham Town Square

Music, singing, hip-hop artists and art displays by our youth, including secondary school students. The main festival will also feature local bands and hip-hop artists, organised by various young artists including those from the Squish Art Collective and North East Creative Studio.

DETAILS [📞 Denzil 9433 3327](tel:04333327)

COMMUNITY

Seniors Festival Info Sessions

Wednesday 3 April
10am – Hurstbridge Hub
7pm – Civic Centre, Greensborough
Find out how to apply for small one-off grants of up to \$500 to run free or low cost events at the Victorian Seniors Festival in the Shire in October.
RSVP [📞 9433 3345](tel:04333345) or email
positive.ageing@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Autumn lunch and entertainment

Friday 5 April 11am
Eltham Community & Reception Centre
Two course meal with jazz entertainment provided by Frank Benedetto, who will perform with a five piece band.
trybooking.com/BADZQ

Open Farm Day

Sunday 7 April 10am-4pm
Various locations throughout the Artisan Hills
Visit working farms and meet local farmers. Farm tours, live demonstrations, product tastings and more. Free.
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/openfarmday

Good Friday combined worship

Friday 19 April 9.30am
Eltham Town Square
Join the congregants of several local churches at this interdenominational and family-friendly worship service. All welcome. In case of rain, please bring an umbrella.

Giraffe A Go-Go

April 28
St Andrews Community Festival
Live puppetry featuring a five metre high giraffe stilt puppet called Gemma and other tall performers.
DETAILS clare@stiltwalkers.com.au

HEALTH

Healthy Eating and Nutrition

Wednesday 10 April 10am
Pavilion, Eltham Living & Learning Centre
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL [📞 9433 3345](tel:04333345)

Immunisations

Diamond Creek Senior Citizens Centre
3 and 15 April 9am-11am
Eltham Library
12 April 9am-11am and
23 April 1.30pm-3.30pm
Hurstbridge Hub
17 April 9am-11am
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/immunisations

May EVENTS

ARTS AND CULTURE

Echoes: Women of Wisdom

May 9 – June 10
Eltham Library Community Gallery
 Four artists come together to explore the themes that echo through their lives. Various mediums. Includes interactive workshop with artists.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ELCG

Courthouse Poetry Readings

Thursday 16 May 7.30pm
Eltham Courthouse,
728 Main Road, Eltham
 Featured poet and open mic, \$5 entry.
 DETAILS [📞 Helen Lucas 0438 339 732](tel:0438339732)

Create an Art Book of your life

Sunday 19 May 1pm-4pm
Eltham Library
 Get creative with artist Leanne Mooney, 10 people max.
 BOOKINGS nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ELCG

Nillumbik Comic-Con

Saturday 25 May
Diamond Valley Library
 A celebration of local and international popular culture including comic books, fantasy novels, anime, science fiction, games and more. Check our web site and Facebook for more details closer to the time.

HEALTH

Immunisations

Diamond Creek Senior Citizens Centre
 1 and 20 May 9am-11am
Eltham Library
 10 May 9am-11am and
 28 May 1.30pm-3.30pm
Hurstbridge Hub
 15 May 9am-11am
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/immunisations

Learn about bladder health

Friday 24 May 1pm
Diamond Creek Living & Learning
 BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL [📞 9433 3345](tel:04383345)



Artist Chris Pittard in his studio

Nillumbik Artists Open Studios Weekend

4 – 5 May 10am–5pm

Thirty-two Nillumbik artists including painters, sculptures, printmakers, photographers, glass workers and ceramic artists, open their studio doors to the public. Also a diverse range of artist-facilitated workshops.

artistsopenstudios.com.au

BUSINESS

Free Small Business Mentoring Service (SBMS) clinic

Wednesday 1 May 10am-3pm
Council Chambers, Civic Drive Greensborough
 In conjunction with SBMS, we are offering business mentoring sessions to support Nillumbik businesses.
 BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Starting Your Business workshop

Wednesday 8 May
Council Chambers, Civic Drive Greensborough
 Learn how to turn an idea into a business. Find out how to plan, prepare and test your idea, step by step, in a small group setting. Tickets are \$20.
nillumbik.vic.gov.au

MARKETS

Eltham Farmers' Market

Sundays 9am-1pm
10-18 Arthur Street, Eltham
 Local stallholders sell fruit, veggies, condiments and sweet treats.
localfoodconnect.org.au/elthamfm

COMMUNITY

Safe travel on Metro Trains

Friday 10 May 9.30am-1.30pm
Hurstbridge Hub
 Delivered by Metro Trains those taking part will travel via train from Hurstbridge to Greensborough Station.
 BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL [📞 9433 3345](tel:04383345)

Nillumbik Volunteer Appreciation Event

Wednesday 22 May 7pm-9pm
Eltham Community & Reception Centre
 DETAILS [📞 9433 3147](tel:04383147) or
Nicky.Forster@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

ENVIRONMENT

Nillumbik land management and biodiversity mini-expo

May – visit our website for date and time
Allwood Neighbourhood House,
901 Main Hurstbridge Road, Hurstbridge
 Talk with Council, Melbourne Water, Parks Victoria, Landcare and others about your land management issues.
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/environment

Home composting workshop

Saturday 4 May 2pm-4.30pm
Edendale Community Environment Farm
 Discover how to compost and worm farm to get the best results. Free
edendale.vic.gov.au

SERVICE DASHBOARD

Council is committed to transparent reporting and accountability to the community.

The Nillumbik Annual Community Survey results from 2018 reinforced that residents rank core service delivery as important. The key service indicators on this dashboard provide a comparison between current and previous performance, and some results have been measured against the collective average of all Victorian Councils based on 2017-2018 data.

SERVICE IMPROVEMENT HIGHLIGHT

In 2017, Council provided residents with 3 separate green waste vouchers with their rates notice to use over the 2017-2018 financial year. Over the course of that financial year, Council received 499 requests to re-issue lost, misplaced or vouchers not received, leading to significant follow up for residents and staff.

Council has now introduced a QR (Quick Response) scannable code for the vouchers on the 2018-2019 rates notice. This means ratepayers who receive their notices via email do not need to print their vouchers, and the code can be scanned directly from a mobile phone when visiting Council's Recycling and Recovery Centre. This improvement has meant a reduction in requests to re-issue the vouchers which allows Council to reinvest the time into other service requests, providing a better customer experience.

If you would like to receive your rates notice via email, please sign up via nillumbik.vic.gov.au/rates All you need is your email address and the eNotice reference number located on the right hand side of your rates notice.



Youth arts

Eltham Town Square will be abuzz with music, singing and art displays from **10am-4pm on Saturday 13 April** as part of Nillumbik Arts Youth Festival.

This will be the focal point in a series of activities and pop-up fun events held across the Shire as part of Victorian Youth Week, which runs from Friday 5 April to Sunday 14 April.

Nillumbik Shire Council successfully applied for a \$2000 grant from the State Government to stage local events, with Council youth officers working with secondary schools and young people, to get the events up and running.

The main festival will also feature local bands and hip-hop artists, organised by various young artists including those from the Squish Art Collective and North East Creative Studio.

The nine days will also feature random flash singing mobs by the Nillumbik Youth Theatre. Groups at shopping centres as well as the St Andrews Market.

There's still time to get involved – contact Denzil Bentley on 9433 3327 or Denzil.Bentley@nillumbik.vic.gov.au



Sisters Emily and Charlotte and brothers Mavric and Baxter enjoy splashing.

Splashdown for fun

The massive \$20.2 million redevelopment of the aquatic precinct at the Eltham Leisure Centre – including the outdoor splash pool – is now completed.

Judging by the smiles from the kids frolicking under the spray fountains and playing with the frogs that spray water, it's an absolute winner!

There are BBQ units alongside the splash pool area, which is accessible by ramp from the indoor aquatic precinct. The entire aquatic precinct is wheelchair accessible.

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“ I found the staff extremely helpful and friendly and their method of training was practical, encouraging and simplified. Prior to finishing placement I was absolutely thrilled to be offered employment once I completed my course.”

Clare, Certificate III in Individual Support



CERTIFICATE IV IN TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT TAE40116

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NEW IN 2019!

DIPLOMA OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT BSB51415

Study to become a qualified Project Manager, whether you are currently in a project management role seeking to formalise your skills or you aspire to a project management position. This course starts in July.

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Study to become an Early Childhood Educator at Edendale Community Environment Farm in Eltham. We have excellent relationships with over 20 local early childhood services which offer ongoing professional networks and practical placement opportunities for our students. The next courses start in July.

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Sam, Certificate III in Early Childhood Education

Pick up your copy of our Course and Activity Guide at local libraries, leisure centres, general stores, information stands and at our centres. Or browse all the courses on our website. Term 2 short courses and activities open for enrolment on Monday 4 March. Enrol online, over the phone or in person at our centres.

📄 livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au or ☎ 9433 3742

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119 Cowin Street, Diamond Creek
Next to the Ness Reserve Preschool

OFFICE HOURS

Mon 9am-12noon
Tues-Thurs 9am-3pm

39 Main Road, Eltham
Next to the new CFA fire station

OFFICE HOURS

Mon 9am-12.30pm
Tues-Fri 9am-5pm

18 Bishops Road, Panton Hill
Next to the A.R. Cracknell Reserve oval

OFFICE HOURS

Mon 9am-12noon
Tues-Wed 9am-1pm

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