Nillumbik News Winter 2017 July to August

#### Winter in The Artisan Hills

Embrace the colder months in The Artisan Hills with fantastic art exhibitions, markets, shopping, an array of hearty food and lots more. We have you covered this winter, so here are our top picks of things to do when the thermostat dips. Use #theartisanhills on Instagram and show us what you love in The Artisan Hills.

The Nillumbik Prize 2017 Finalists Exhibition: 1 June – 30 July

Now in its 14th year, the Nillumbik Prize celebrates our region’s creativity and imagination, with artists bringing their ideas to life in a visual spectacular.

The Nillumbik Prize features contemporary artworks of excellence by artists with a Nillumbik connection and includes paintings, photographs, prints and ceramics.

With a non-acquisitive first prize of $5000, the Nillumbik Prize showcases a diversity of mediums and an exchange of contemporary thoughts and practices.

Congratulations to Anna McDermott who was awarded first prize, Ella Dunn and Peter Ben who received commendations and all the shortlisted finalists for their inspiring and engaging works.

Close to 200 entries were received from 127 artists for the Prize this year. The shortlisted works were selected by an esteemed panel comprising of renowned local artists Minna Gilligan (winner of the Nillumbik Prize 2016), Michael Peck (finalist Nillumbik Prize 2013, finalist and Archibald Prize Winner 2012), with Grace Longato, Nillumbik Shire Council Cultural Collections Officer and judged by Pip Wallis, Curator of Contemporary Art, National Gallery of Victoria.

Wander through the exhibition at Montsalvat and be inspired by the cutting-edge talent we have in the Shire.

[www.montsalvat.com.au](http://www.montsalvat.com.au)

Green Wedge Public Art Incubator

Over the next few months, three sites in Nillumbik will be transformed into temporary public art. The art incubator program invited artists of all disciplines to express their interest in creating a temporary project, performance, creative experience or artwork.

Each project will be inspired by Nillumbik’s unique landscape and incorporate a community engagement component.

We are delighted to announce that the four projects selected are:

* Gay Chatfield, Willow Pods, Hurstbridge Community Hub
* Lindy de Wijn, The Lace Project, Hurstbridge Community Hub
* Dan Goronszy, Museum of Care, Hurstbridge Community Hub and Nillumbik Community Bus
* Tammy Hulbert, Anonymous Sojourners, Wadambuk St Andrews Community Centre

Keep an eye out on Council’s website and Facebook page for updates.

[www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/artincubator](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/artincubator)

[www.facebook.com/nscarts](http://www.facebook.com/nscarts)

Hurstbridge Wattle Festival, Sunday 27 August 10am

The Hurstbridge Wattle Festival is a celebration of heritage, environment and community. Head through Diamond Creek into Hurstbridge village and enjoy the stunning display of wattles in full bloom.

Festival goers can enjoy live entertainment, market stalls, an animal nursery, art exhibitions, a treasure hunt and retro BMX bike displays. The family friendly event will also feature a night market with over 30 stalls including art, craft, jewellery, food and live music. Take a trip back in time and board Steamrail Victoria’s K class steam locomotive for an unforgettable night journey from Hurstbridge Railway Station to Flinders Street Station.

[www.wattlefestival.org.au](http://www.wattlefestival.org.au)

Hurstbridge Farmers’ Market

The Hurstbridge Farmers’ Market is a food lovers’ paradise with an array of wholesome, locally grown produce and artisan wares. Chat to growers and learn about how your produce is grown and prepared.

Come along to Ferguson’s Paddock on the first Sunday of every month and stock up on free-range meats, fresh seasonal fruit and veggies, gourmet pâtés and terrines, olives, olive oil, honey, eggs, cheese, craft beer, bread, wine, gluten-free products and a range of specialty produce, which is sure to tempt your taste buds.

[www.hurstbridgefarmersmarket.com.au](http://www.hurstbridgefarmersmarket.com.au)

Eltham Farmers’ Market

Visitors to the Eltham Farmers’ Market can stock up the pantry and fridge with the usual market fare and also experience something unique. On the second Sunday of each month there is a Community Market Stall and on the fourth Sunday, a food swap operates between 10am and 11am.

The market boasts between 40-50 stallholders where you’ll find veggies, fruit, condiments, pasta, meat and poultry, eggs, artisan bread, honey and bee products, pet treats, plants and a variety of sweet treats.

The Eltham Farmers’ Market is plastic bag free, so be sure to take your own box, trolley or bag. It’s also a dog friendly market, so bring along your pooch and enjoy all the market has to offer.

[www.localfoodconnect.org.au](http://www.localfoodconnect.org.au)

St Andrews Community Market

St Andrews Market has been part of the community for over 40 years and is renowned for its vibrant, yet relaxed atmosphere.

The market is held every Saturday from 8am-2pm and is a great place to enjoy food, drinks, live music and relax, soaking up the lively atmosphere. Regular stalls at the market include handmade soap and skin care products, essential oils, pottery, jewellery and a variety of fresh organic produce.

[www.standrewsmarket.com.au](http://www.standrewsmarket.com.au)

Eltham Community Craft and Produce Market

There’s a little bit of everything at the Eltham Community Craft and Produce Market.

The market specialises in stallholders who produce quality homemade, homegrown and handcrafted products plus fresh and tantalising produce.

On the third Sunday of every month sample local food and wine, fresh fruit and veggies, find unique artisan wares and enjoy live music in a friendly community atmosphere.

[www.elthammarket.com.au](http://www.elthammarket.com.au)

Save the date

September 9, Diamond Creek Rotary Town Fair

October 14-15, Open Cellars of the Artisan Hills

October 22, Practically Green Festival

October 22, On the Hill Festival

October 22, Pet Expo

October 15, Eltham Mudbrick House Tour

November 11-12, Rotary Eltham Town Festival

#### Living in the Landscape

Our future Shire Plan and 2017-2018 Budget was adopted following our successful consultation program incorporating the feedback from hundreds of residents and businesses.

The Council Plan has now been finalised after a successful program of consultation.

Feedback from the community provided useful information which will be reflected in the final plan.

It is hoped that this plan will now reflect our communities aspirations and help make this municipality the world’s most liveable Shire.

The plan has five key goals:

* Engaged, connected communities - A place where communities and ideas thrive underpinned by trust, confidence and continuous learning
* Active and creative people - Active lifestyles and artistic expression are fostered through participation and innovation
* Safe and healthy environments - Healthy and safe communities enjoy living in our iconic environment
* A prosperous economy - A strong local economy that supports business growth, jobs and community wealth
* Responsible leadership - Collaborative and consultative leadership that builds trust and makes the best use of available resources to the benefit of all in the pursuit of excellence

It’s a challenging plan that puts the needs of our residents at the centre while aiming to grow the economy of our Shire through improved tourism, retail and commercial opportunities – increasing employment opportunities within the Shire rather than travelling into the city each day. Advocating for improved public transport and reducing road congestion also features as well as providing new or improved community facilities.

There are 109 high-level actions in the Council Plan 2017-2021 which will be measured by 43 strategic indicators.

Our Plan will be available on Council’s website and at Council facilities.

No rate rise for the first time in the Shire’s history is incorporated into the 2017-2018 Budget while investing in the following projects:

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

* Public open space and playgrounds - $1,739,000
* Civic Drive precinct masterplan implementation - $1,117,500
* Diamond Hills Reserve viewing platform/landscape - $30,000
* Eltham and District Woodworkers Hall extension - $50,000
* Research Park pavilion redevelopment, cricket and football - $1,795,000
* Wattle Glen pavilion works, cricket and soccer - $750,000
* Eltham North Reserve pavilion works, cricket and soccer - $300,000

PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

* Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre (planning/design) - $500,000
* Eltham Civic Hub (planning/design) - $200,000
* Diamond Creek community infrastructure (planning/design) - $100,000
* Marngrook Oval pavilion (planning/design) - $100,000

INFRASTRUCTURE

* Gipson Street Bridge, Diamond Creek duplication - $964,000
* Roads and footpaths - $2,854,000
* Drainage - $625,000
* Emergency management - $1,100,000
* Streetscape improvements - $400,000

An accelerated repayment program of $13.8 million of debt will enable about $800,000 annual funding for services.

#### Building trust – Getting back to basics

The recently-elected Council is looking forward to regaining the community’s trust, getting back to the basics of service provision and providing better value for our ratepayers following the release of the 2016-2017 Annual Community Survey results.

The 2016-2017 Annual Community Survey, which was conducted on Council’s behalf by Metropolis Research in January 2017, is designed to measure community satisfaction with a range of Council services and facilities and to measure community sentiment on a range of additional concerns in the community.

Traffic management; Council rates; building, housing, planning and development; roads maintenance and repairs and bushfire management and prevention are the top five issues that respondents want Council to address in the next 12 months.

The recent release of the Council Plan 2017-2021 and the Budget 2017-2018 aims to redress some of the issues raised by residents from this survey.

The results are on Council’s website and reported in the 2016-2017 Annual Report. Some results are performance measures required by the State Government and will be made available on the Know Your Council website.

The top five issues identified by residents

* Traffic management
* Council rates
* Housing and development
* Roads maintenance
* Bushfire prevention

#### From the Mayor

Six months into the Council year and we have delivered:

* A 2017-2018 Budget with no rate rise.
* A renewed focus on roads, footpaths and bus shelters – reducing the 12 year backlog of footpath construction and repairs.
* Three free green waste drop-off vouchers to be included with your rates enabling you greater flexibility.
* A four-year plan to repay debt incurred from the previous Council saving about $800,000 per year on interest payments.

The Council Plan sets the agenda and is the first step towards our 2050 Shire Plan to pursue our goal of being the world’s most liveable Shire.

Many residents leave the Shire at the moment for work; our Plan seeks to create employment opportunities on parcels of land that Council owns such as the former Shire office site. This will not only provide people with jobs but increases the economic development of surrounding areas and helps to reduce congestion on our local roads. This may include tourism, arts, retail or commercial opportunities.

Another major piece of work is to help simplify and streamline our planning scheme so residents can understand what they can and cannot do on their property. This has already started and we are identifying duplications and what can be done to make it easier for people to navigate.

Nillumbik is a beautiful, treed Shire and we want to keep it that way which is why we will take action if developers illegally remove trees.

We need to preserve what is special about our Shire, why we live here and why people come and visit us – and then we need to protect and enhance that.

Mayor, Cr Peter Clarke

#### New Bushfire Management Overlay

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) will place a new or amended Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO) on more than 8,000 rural properties across the Shire.

Council will write to all impacted residents explaining that these changes are taking place through a ‘Ministerial amendment’. This means that the community does not have the opportunity to provide feedback.

Bushfire and vegetation management is a high priority for all of us and we support any measures put in place to protect our community including improved Bushfire Management Overlay mapping as per Recommendation 37 of the 2009 Bushfire Royal Commission.

However, Council does not support there being no opportunity for our residents to make submissions nor an independent review into the proposal.

We know you feel strongly about being consulted about planning matters that impact your properties and Council wrote to the Minister for Planning expressing our disappointment in this decision.

The BMO currently applies to 65 per cent of the Shire. A BMO requires new development (including additions to existing buildings) to be accompanied by bushfire protection measures relating to defendable space, construction standards for bushfire, access, siting, water and landscaping.

#### Protecting our flora and fauna

The Nillumbik landscape is home to a number of threatened and rare plants and animals, such as the Eltham Copper Butterfly (Paralucia pyrodiscus lucida), Brush-Tailed hascogale (Phascogale tapoatafa), Wine-Lipped Spider Orchid (Caladenia oenochila), Powerful Owl (Nixon strenua) and Rosella Spider Orchid (Caladenia rosella).

Everyone can play a role in protecting them.

Council works in partnership with local volunteer groups, residents and other organisations to help protect and secure populations of threatened species.

Some of the things we do on Council land and in partnership with residents on private land include:

* protective fencing and cages for significant plants
* pest plant and animal control
* re-introduction plantings
* planting of pollinator species
* installation of nest boxes and other artificial habitat
* monitoring

All residents can help:

* stick to the paths in Nillumbik’s bushland reserves
* fill your garden with plants that are indigenous to your area – our Live Local, Plant Local guide can be found on our website
* remove environmental weeds from your property – our Common Weeds of Nillumbik booklet can be found on our website
* take part in local environmental activities
* join a volunteer group

More information

[www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/environment](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/environment)

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#### The Travelling Teapot - Creative consultation for the new Arts and Cultural Plan

The month of June saw the end of the six-year cultural plan. We have achieved some exciting projects during this time, but above all, the cultural plan has worked to establish arts and culture as an integral part of Nillumbik.

We are now working on a new Arts and Cultural Plan with the community, which will map our creative and cultural goals for the 2018-2022 period.

A unique consultation is planned, ranging from focus groups to arts forums.

The Travelling Teapot will be making its way through Nillumbik, a unique series of creative focus groups with creative consultants Evi Van der Niet and David Adams, which will help inform the new Arts and Cultural Plan 2018-2022.

Come and tell us what you value most in Nillumbik, how those values relate to local culture, and how you like to celebrate that culture through the arts.

Focus group numbers are limited and RSVPs are essential. For dates and venues visit:

[www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/TravellingTeapot](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/TravellingTeapot)

#### Community Inclusion

Inclusion@Nillumbik wants to hear about local small businesses that are welcoming and inclusive of people with a disability.

An estimated one in five Australians have a disability. Better access and friendly service means more customers and makes everybody feel more welcome.

Training staff about the diverse needs of our community and making small changes like ensuring unobstructed path of travel for people with limited mobility go a long way to making people feel welcome and included.

Nominate a Nillumbik business that’s inclusive

[Inclusion@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:Inclusion@nillumbik.vic.gov.au)

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#### Coming up…

Over the next few months you can have your say on a wide variety of projects that will be undertaken across the Shire to improve community services and facilities.

Graysharps Road, Hurstbridge Open Space Precinct

Graysharps Road and surrounding area, open space and community facilities make a significant contribution towards Hurstbridge’s character and identity and attracts people from outside the town.

The precinct contains important community assets such as the cricket, football and bowling clubs, basketball stadium, Community Hub, preschools and the Hurst Family Graveyard. It also forms part of a highly valued public open space corridor, with Diamond Creek and surrounds providing habitat for diverse flora and fauna.

Council is consulting with the public as to the potential future uses of the land. Applications for a project reference group are now open and close 19 July.

Further information about the community reference group and consultation opportunities will be promoted on Council’s website, social media and throughout Hurstbridge.

Eltham Civic Hub

Eltham is the gateway to Nillumbik and also the start of The Artisan Hills.

Council is currently reviewing the town, railway station precinct and surrounding area, in particular the former Eltham Shire Office site.

An extensive consultation program will be advertised shortly with details about how you can get involved and have your say on how we can enhance, rejuvenate and develop this location at the heart of our township.

#### Eltham Community and Reception Centre – now open

The new Eltham Community Reception Centre is the Shire’s premiere function venue providing a fully-accessible and functional community space, which retains the unique character of the original iconic mudbrick building.

As well as accessibility upgrades, the centre includes water harvesting, solar power, improved lighting, new amplifiers, improved foyer and commercial standard kitchen. A landscaped amphitheatre provides a distinctive viewing area to enjoy concerts and performing arts activities.

To book your next function or to organise a tour of the centre, contact our Community Halls Team.

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#### UPDATE | Eltham Leisure Centre

The Eltham Leisure Centre Aquatic Redevelopment Project has recently hit an important milestone…we have reached the half way mark!

The external structures of the aquatic area are taking shape and termite damage to the existing facility continues to be repaired.

Construction of the eight lane pool has begun, along with the designated pool for aquatic education and the spa structure.

The redevelopment has been designed with accessibility in mind, with ramp entry to the pools and accessible change facilities.

The gym, group fitness, café and consulting suites, stadium and crèche remain open during the redevelopment, with plenty of activities happening throughout the year. Eltham Leisure Centre members will have free access to the Diamond Creek Outdoor Pool and Aquarena (Doncaster) during the construction.

The project has been funded by State Government and Council and is expected to be completed in early 2018.

Aligned Leisure was awarded the management of the Eltham Leisure Centre after a thorough tender process. With a focus on providing the best service to the community and innovative community programs, Council’s most visited leisure facility is in for an exciting new chapter. From July, Aligned Leisure will take over the management and will roll out a new look. The centre was previously managed by the YMCA for 20 years and Council thanks them for their service to the community.

#### Eltham North Reserve upgrade

The upgrade to Eltham North Reserve’s sporting and community facilities is now in an exciting phase.

Centrum Architects Pty Ltd has been appointed to develop the initial concept into a detailed construction design.

Centrum is experienced in the design and delivery of sport and leisure facilities, having completed a number of projects for local government, including Olinda Community Sports Facility and the Yarra Centre Gymnasium extension.

Council is working in partnership with the Victorian Government, sports clubs and Scouts to improve the current facilities and hall to accommodate the growing needs of community members.

The initial design focuses on inclusive spaces that meet current demands, and also caters for the increasing number of women, girls, children, older adults and people with disability wanting to participate.

The draft concept includes accessibility, building compliance and hall upgrades, separate sporting social rooms, new player and umpire change rooms and first aid and spectator amenities.

There will also be modifications to traffic and parking to provide drop off zones to eliminate traffic congestion and to increase pedestrian safety.

Tendering for construction works will occur later this year.

#### Literary Nillumbik Awards

The winter season celebrates excellence in the arts with the launch of the anthology of our signature awards. Literary Nillumbik celebrates the strength of literary arts in Nillumbik through two exciting awards that attracts a strong calibre of writers nationally.

The Alan Marshall Short Story Award celebrates short story writing and honours the legacy of Alan Marshall.

In partnership with the Yarra Plenty Regional Library, this year’s award will be judged by award winning writer, editor, anthologist, and a Bunurong Tasmanian and Yuin man, Bruce Pascoe. The winner will receive a $2000 cash prize, mentoring for local authors through Australian Society of Authors (ASA) and a 12 month ASA membership.

The Nillumbik Ekphrasis Poetry Award sees poets across the nation contemplating six of Nillumbik’s cherished public artworks and responding to them through 12 lines of poetry. Judged by esteemed poets Helen Lucas, Steve Smart and Karen Throssell, this award is a unique way to link the literary and visual arts.

Winners of both awards will be announced at the launch of the Literary Nillumbik anthology at Eltham Library on Saturday 29 July as part of Yarra Plenty Regional Library’s Booklovers Festival.

#### Eltham Library Community Gallery (ELCG) 2018

Exhibition proposals are sought from individual artists, artist groups or organisations and curators who live, work or study in Nillumbik, or have strong, ongoing links to the Shire.

ELCG exhibitors are assisted with generously subsidised gallery hire of only $38 per week, insurance available for eligible exhibitors for just $22, no commission on sales, support with installation and promotions and inclusion in ELCG’s annually published exhibition program. Applications close Saturday 26 August.

[www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ELCGapplication](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ELCGapplication)

#### Youth Services

[www.nillumbikyouth.vic.gov.au](http://www.nillumbikyouth.vic.gov.au)

[www.facebook.com/nypyouth](http://www.facebook.com/nypyouth)

Freestyle theatre

Freestyle means anything goes! Whether you’re looking to perfect a song or sharpen up your audition technique we’ve got it all covered.

Wednesdays 26 July and 2, 9, 16 and 23 August, 4.15pm-5.30pm

Hurstbridge Hall

[www.trybooking.com/PSTN](http://www.trybooking.com/PSTN)

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Grease the musical

Watch this space…Tickets on sale in August!

NYT junior show

Coming up in September

[www.nillumbikyouth.vic.gov.au/nyt](http://www.nillumbikyouth.vic.gov.au/nyt)

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Entrepreneurs: look here

Do you have a great idea for a project or program that involves young people aged

10–25 years? Need some dollars to get it up and running? We would like to hear from you – even if you are still forming your idea. Funding and support are available.

[www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/youthgrants](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/youthgrants)

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Wingrove Ward

As Mayor I was privileged to host the Volunteer Appreciation Evening which recognised the wonderful volunteers that we have across our Shire who make Nillumbik such a special place by helping many worthy causes and individuals.

I assisted one of our wonderful volunteers in May, as part of National Volunteer Week. Volunteer driver Andrea Davies delivers meals to residents in Eltham, Research and Warrandyte on a weekly basis. I truly admire people like Andrea who make a difference to the lives of others and it was great to meet a number of older residents in their homes.

Our Budget and Council Plan consultation has provided valuable support for the decisions to freeze the rates, repay debt and refocus resources on fixing our roads, improving drainage, reducing the fire load on roadsides with another $300,000 allocated to clean up. There is much to be done to fix the planning scheme in the Activity Centres, develop our arts and cultural plan together with the redevelopment of our Civic Hub.

Deputy Mayor Councillor Karen Egan

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Bunjil Ward

The last few months of 2017 have been incredibly busy with so many local and community events.

The Anzac Day service in Hurstbridge had one of the largest turnouts for a number of years and Open Farm Day was a very successful event with many people visiting our beautiful part of the world.

It was great to see so many community groups attend the first Town and Country Connect Expo in May, as well as the many locals who found out what we have to offer here. One of our major concerns in the rural wards at the moment is the road barriers that VicRoads is insisting on putting in along the Eltham-Kinglake and Eltham-Yarra Glen roads despite the community’s objections and advocacy from Councillors.

I’m pleased that one of my election promises has been achieved with no rate rise for the 2017-2018 year. So far, I’ve received great feedback in relation to the Council Plan and Budget along with countless emails and calls.

Councillor Grant Brooker

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Blue Lake Ward

The Council Plan 2017-2021 and Budget 2017-2018, are the documents most likely to impact Blue Lake residents. There are many new initiatives and programs and if you have any queries you can contact me for an explanation of our priorities and budget allocations.

As Chair of the Environment Committee, I have examined many programs and case studies including LED lighting for sportsgrounds/courts and solar energy. I have focused on those innovations that are practical, achievable and that result in lower costs. The soft plastic recycling in our bins has led to substantially less household waste diverted to landfill. My personal experience is the amount of non-recyclable waste that my family produces is now minimal. This effective waste management practice not only reduces diversion to landfill but insures Council against any spike in landfill charges from 2020-2021.

Six months into the job and I am finding it more challenging and more rewarding than I expected.

Councillor John Dumaresq

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We received great feedback on the 2017-2021 Council Plan and the consultation meetings were well attended. There was strong feedback that the Council Plan must include a clear message on the protection of the green wedge.

It was great to see the Diamond Street Bridge project completed after a belated start and plenty of disruption to traffic. The finished product looks great.

As Chair of the Infrastructure Committee, it was sad to see General Manager Infrastructure Services, Conal Creedon leave after many years of outstanding service. He will be sorely missed.

I am looking forward to work beginning on the dog parks, the upgrades at Edendale including the children’s sensory garden, upgraded teaching facility retail area and more. At Eltham North Pavilion, Centrum Architects have started work developing a detailed design and as we roll in to the new financial year we should see Stanhope Street replanted.

Councillor Peter Perkins

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Ellis Ward

It can be the little things that make all the difference and after some delays, I’m pleased to announce that the long awaited toilets at Rotary Park in Diamond Creek are almost complete.

The four unisex toilets will be fully accessible, have baby change facilities and be cleaned daily in this busy sporting and playground complex.

This year’s budget highlights for Ellis Ward includes an allocation of $100,000 to plan for future social infrastructure needs for Diamond Creek and Marngrook Oval Pavilion will also be planned and designed with an allocation of $100,000.

The duplication of Gipson Street Bridge to improve access to Diamond Creek township is due to be completed shortly. A Developers Contribution of $604,000 will be put towards the project and $360,000 from the Federal Government’s Roads to Recovery Program.

The Council Plan also lists one of my long term aims – the creation of a regional play space for Diamond Creek. I look forward to being able to report on it in future editions of Nillumbik News.

Councillor Jane Ashton

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Sugarloaf Ward

There has been lots of community consultation over the past few months including the Health and Wellbeing Plan, Positive Ageing Strategy, the Domestic Animal Management Plan and the Council Plan. The overall feedback about the Council Plan has been positive. A quote from one Sugarloaf resident was it ‘actually talks about people, actions and measures objectives that deal with Council services to people.’ This plan reflects what residents told us during the election process and hopefully it responds well to all of us that live in the rural areas.

Council supported the rebuild of the Research Park Football and Cricket Pavilion and we’re about to decide which footpaths are going where in St Andrews and, along with community members I have been protesting against the VicRoads barriers.

I had a fabulous day with our local community at the Bend of Islands. We were made very welcome and got some great insights into its history and unique character and the people that live there.

Councillor Bruce Ranken

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Swipers Gully Ward

As the Chair of the Leisure and Social Infrastructure Committee I’m pleased to report on the $2.26 million new pavilion for Research Park. The two-storey pavilion will feature a large social room, a bar, a canteen, kitchen, committee room and offices. This means that this facility will be built to provide for future demands and will be a great asset for Research residents and beyond.

In June, Council ran a Seasonal Sports Club Forum at the Community Bank Stadium in Diamond Creek. The purpose of the forum was so that local clubs and associations across the Shire could come together and workshop how we can deliver the best possible sporting outcomes through the planning, management and maintenance of our sports facilities.

There were 29 representatives from 20 different clubs at the forum who were given the opportunity to identify issues facing their sport and the facilities they need to respond to these issues. The forum was a great success with more planned in coming months.

#### In-Home Family Mentoring Program

Are you a local Nillumbik resident who can spare some time to support parents in the community who are experiencing parenting challenges?

Council’s In-Home Family Mentoring Program provides assistance to local families needing support and we need your help.

Support can be in provided in a number of ways…having a chat over a cuppa, a listening ear or offering positive affirmations and friendly advice, that take place within the local community or in a private home.

Parents often struggle to manage the workload around dinner time, mentors could help out by keeping children occupied, assist with meal preparation or help out with practical things that need to be done around the house. It’s often the little things that really help.

Mentors will spend up to four hours per week with families and also attend the occasional team meeting. Mentors will receive full training with ongoing support from the In-Home Family Mentoring Resource Officer. Ideally, the role works best when the mentor and parent establish a good rapport over a period of time.

Volunteering to help parents and children can be very rewarding; especially if you like meeting new people, want to develop new skills and build links within our community.

To be included in the next round of training we need your application by 12 July 2017.

If you are interested and would like to discuss the role further contact Jodie Leahy on 9433 3165 or apply online.

<http://bit.ly/2q8D7P8>

#### Graduates increase local workforce

Each year hundreds of graduates from Living & Learning Nillumbik gain employment in local industries, strengthening our work force in aged care, home and community care, child care, project management and education sectors.

At a graduation ceremony earlier this year, a number of trainees from Bubup Wilam for Early Learning Aboriginal Child and Family Centre attained qualifications in Early Childhood Education and Care.

As a result of this training, Bupup has increased its Indigenous workforce from 50 per cent to more than 70 per cent in 2017 and has also led to more positive and engaged employees.

In an exciting announcement, Living & Learning Nillumbik is now approved to deliver the new Certificate IV in Training and Assessment and is one of only five registered training organisations (RTOs) in Australia to deliver the course.

#### July Calendar

Don’t forget this month is your last opportunity to view the 2017 Nillumbik Prize Finalists Exhibition at Montsalvat.

Come along and view these impressive works until Sunday 30 July.

[www.montsalvat.com.au](http://www.montsalvat.com.au)

1 July until 26 August

2018 Applications to exhibit at the Eltham Library Community Gallery open.

[www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/artsprograms](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/artsprograms)

[www.facebook.com/nscarts](http://www.facebook.com/nscarts)

Saturday 1 July  
10am-2pm  
Fruit tree pruning workshop  
Cost $60  
Edendale  
[www.edendale.vic.gov.au](http://www.edendale.vic.gov.au)

Sunday 2 July  
8.30am-1pm  
Hurstbridge Farmers’ Market  
Fergusons Paddock  
[www.hurstbridgefarmersmarket.com.au](http://www.hurstbridgefarmersmarket.com.au)

School holidays at Edendale  
The winter school holidays will focus on natural and man-made patterns and textures. There will be a great range of free and engaging activities on offer, so keep an eye on our website and Facebook page or sign up to our enewsletter to receive early notifications about the program.   
[www.edendale.vic.gov.au](http://www.edendale.vic.gov.au)   
  
Thursday 6 July  
10am-12pm  
Backyard chooks for beginners  
Cost $35  
Edendale  
[www.edendale.vic.gov.au](http://www.edendale.vic.gov.au)   
  
Monday 10 July  
10am-12pm  
Beading with OMG Beads  
Diamond Valley Library  
[www.yprl.vic.gov.au](http://www.yprl.vic.gov.au)   
  
Tuesday 11 July  
7pm-9pm  
Creative MakerSpace  
Living & Learning Nillumbik  
Hurstbridge Hub  
[www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au)   
  
Wednesday 12 July  
12pm-5pm  
Scrapbooking and Paper Crafts MakerSpace  
Living & Learning Nillumbik Eltham  
[www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au)   
  
Friday 14 July  
12pm-2pm  
Love food hate waste – cooking demonstration and lunch  
Free  
Edendale   
[www.edendale.vic.gov.au](http://www.edendale.vic.gov.au)   
  
Tuesday 18 July  
7pm  
Future Nillumbik Committee  
Civic Centre  
[www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au)

11.30am-12.30pm  
Build your own terrarium (adult workshop)  
Diamond Valley Library  
[www.yprl.vic.gov.au](http://www.yprl.vic.gov.au)   
  
Wednesday 19 July  
7-8pm  
Permission to Shine – inspirational session for women  
Eltham Library  
[www.yprl.vic.gov.au](http://www.yprl.vic.gov.au)   
  
Thursday 20 July  
7.30pm  
Courthouse Poetry Readings  
Eltham Courthouse  
Main Rd, Eltham  
0438 339 732   
  
Friday 21 July  
10.30am–11.30am  
De-clutter Your Wardrobe  
Eltham Library  
[www.yprl.vic.gov.au](http://www.yprl.vic.gov.au)   
  
Saturday 22 and 29 July  
10am-4pm  
Introduction to permaculture (two day workshop)  
Cost $120  
Edendale  
[www.edendale.vic.gov.au](http://www.edendale.vic.gov.au)   
  
Sunday 23 July  
11am-3pm  
More wear less waste – recycled fashion market  
Gold coin entry  
Edendale   
[www.edendale.vic.gov.au](http://www.edendale.vic.gov.au)   
  
Tuesday 25 July  
9am-4.30pm

Studio Arts MakerSpace   
Living & Learning Nillumbik Eltham  
[www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au)   
  
Wednesday 26 July  
2-3pm  
Family history fest - travelling with your ancestors  
Diamond Valley Library  
[www.yprl.vic.gov.au](http://www.yprl.vic.gov.au)   
  
Thursday 27 July  
6.30-8.30pm  
Parenting in Perspective – why dads matter and supporting mothers  
Edendale   
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/pip   
  
Saturday 29 July  
2pm  
Literary Nillumbik Celebration and Anthology Launch  
Eltham Library Community Gallery  
  
9.30am-3pm  
Introduction to Horticulture (9 week course)  
Living & Learning Nillumbik at Edendale  
[www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au)   
  
Sunday 30 July  
10am-12pm  
National Tree Day – indigenous tree planting  
Bring gloves, sturdy footwear, hat and sunscreen  
Peppers Paddock, Wattle Glen   
[www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au)

#### August Calendar

Do you enjoy making things? Do you want to meet like-minded makers? Do you have a project and need space to make it? Come along to one of Living & Learning Nillumbik’s MakerSpaces!  
[www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au)   
  
Tuesday 1 August   
7pm  
Ordinary Council Meeting  
Civic Centre  
[www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au)   
  
Thursday 3 August  
6.30-8.30pm  
Parenting in Perspective – understand your baby  
Edendale   
[www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/pip](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/pip)   
  
Friday 4 August  
9.30am-11.30am  
Hobby Hub MakerSpace  
Living & Learning Nillumbik  
[www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au)   
  
Friday 4, 11 and 18 August  
10am-2.30pm  
Organic gardening for beginners (three day workshop)  
Cost $120  
Edendale  
[www.edendale.vic.gov.au](http://www.edendale.vic.gov.au)   
  
Saturday 5 August  
2-3.30pm  
Trivia and afternoon tea   
Diamond Valley Library  
[www.yprl.vic.gov.au](http://www.yprl.vic.gov.au)   
  
Sunday 6 August  
8.30am-1pm  
Hurstbridge Farmers’ Market  
Fergusons Paddock  
[www.hurstbridgefarmersmarket.com.au](http://www.hurstbridgefarmersmarket.com.au)   
  
Wednesday 9 August  
10-11.30am  
Learn how to use online newsstand Zinio  
Diamond Valley Library  
[www.yprl.vic.gov.au](http://www.yprl.vic.gov.au)   
  
Thursday 10 August  
6.30-8.30pm  
Parenting in Perspective – baby to toddler  
Edendale   
[www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/pip](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/pip)   
  
Sunday 13 August  
1-3.30pm  
Beekeeping…a taster   
Cost $15  
Edendale  
[www.edendale.vic.gov.au](http://www.edendale.vic.gov.au)   
  
Monday 14 August  
9.30am-11.30am  
Art MakerSpace  
Living & Learning Nillumbik Panton Hill  
[www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au)   
  
Tuesday 15 August  
7pm  
Future Nillumbik Committee  
Civic Centre  
[www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au)   
  
11.30am-12.30pm  
Solar Energy  
Diamond Valley Library  
[www.yprl.vic.gov.au](http://www.yprl.vic.gov.au)   
  
Wednesday 16 August  
6-7.30pm  
Reading Hour – Silent Reading Party (all ages)  
Join the quietest party in town and get into a great book. Refreshments provided.  
Eltham Library  
[www.yprl.vic.gov.au](http://www.yprl.vic.gov.au)   
  
Wednesday 16 August  
7-8pm  
Traveller’s Tales (all ages)  
Share your travel experiences with this friendly chat group.  
Eltham Library  
[www.yprl.vic.gov.au](http://www.yprl.vic.gov.au)   
  
Thursday 17 August  
7.30pm  
Courthouse Poetry Readings  
Eltham Courthouse  
Main Rd, Eltham  
0438 339 732   
  
Friday 18 August  
9.30am-2pm  
Mosaics MakerSpace  
Living & Learning Nillumbik Panton Hill  
[www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au)   
  
Tuesday 22 August  
2-3pm  
Retirement Reality – planning for a better retirement  
Diamond Valley Library  
[www.yprl.vic.gov.au](http://www.yprl.vic.gov.au)   
  
4-5pm  
Children’s Book Week – Escape to Everywhere Green Screen Experience (all ages)  
Dress up as your favourite book character and have your photo taken with a green screen-generated background.  
Eltham Library  
[www.yprl.vic.gov.au](http://www.yprl.vic.gov.au)   
  
Thursday 24 August  
10.30-11.30am  
Family history fest - pioneer families of Eltham  
Eltham Library   
[www.yprl.vic.gov.au](http://www.yprl.vic.gov.au)   
  
Friday 25 August  
1-2pm  
Early Literacy – prepare your child for school with education consultant and author David Hornsby  
Diamond Valley Library  
[www.yprl.vic.gov.au](http://www.yprl.vic.gov.au)   
  
Saturday 26 August  
3-4pm  
Set up and maintain a worm farm  
Free   
Edendale  
[www.edendale.vic.gov.au](http://www.edendale.vic.gov.au)   
  
Sunday 27 August  
10am-12.30pm  
Gardening with the plants of Nillumbik  
Cost $40  
Edendale  
[www.edendale.vic.gov.au](http://www.edendale.vic.gov.au)   
  
Sunday 27 August  
1-3.30pm  
Indigenous plant propagation  
Cost $40  
Edendale  
[www.edendale.vic.gov.au](http://www.edendale.vic.gov.au)   
  
Sunday 27 August  
10am-8pm  
Hurstbridge Wattle Festival  
Hurstbridge Township  
[www.wattlefestival.org.au](http://www.wattlefestival.org.au)   
  
Monday 28 August  
12pm-5pm  
Sewing and Wool Crafts MakerSpace  
Living & Learning Nillumbik Eltham  
[www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au)  
  
Tuesday 29 August  
7pm  
Ordinary Council Meeting  
Civic Centre  
[www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au)

9.30am-1.30pm  
Needle Natter MakerSpace  
Living & Learning Nillumbik Panton Hill  
[www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au)  
  
Wednesday 30 August  
9.30am-3pm  
Crafty Cats MakerSpace  
Living & Learning Nillumbik Panton Hill  
[www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au)  
  
Thursday 31 August  
7pm-9pm  
Sew Social MakerSpace (fortnightly)  
Living & Learning Nillumbik Diamond Creek  
[www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au)

#### Burgan reclassified

In December 2016, Council requested that the Minister for Planning approve a planning scheme amendment which corrected the species of Burgan referred to in the Nillumbik Planning Scheme.

Since 2011, the botanical name Kunzea ericoides has been misapplied and refers to a species that occurs in New Zealand, not Australia. This has now been corrected to reflect the species that occurs more commonly in Nillumbik – Kunzea leptospermoides (Yarra Burgan).

Residents do not need to apply for a permit to remove Kunzea leptospermoides (Yarra Burgan).

More information about Burgan removal can be found at [www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au) or by calling Council’s Planning and Environment team on 9433 3328.

##### Quick Response Grants

Our Quick Response Grants support local groups and organisations by funding small projects that meet an identified community need.

Quick Response Grants could be used for community events, materials or equipment, consultant fees, pilot programs, promotional materials such as brochures or signage, minor capital works or venue hire.

Applications open on 1 July each year and remain open until funds are expended.

For more details and to submit a request [www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/grants](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/grants)

#### Find a full A-Z list of items on our website.

Turn over for more recycling and waste disposal options.

##### Other disposal options

Nillumbik Recycling & Recovery Centre  
290 Yan Yean Road, Plenty  
Open 8am–4pm Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday  
Closed Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and public holidays

**Recycle free of charge:**

* batteries – household, car and mobile phone
* cardboard (excluding waxed cardboard)
* clothing in good condition
* e-waste e.g. computers, printers, keyboards, screens, hard drives, mouses
* household recycling
* light globes/bulbs and fluoro tubes
* mobile phones
* motor oil and containers
* scrap metal e.g. bike, stove, washing machine, dryer, metal poles, roofing (charges apply for fridges, freezers and air conditioners because of the de-gassing process)
* televisions
* x-rays

**Charges apply for:**

* air conditioners
* fridges and freezers
* garden materials
* hard waste
* mattresses
* plaster
* polystyrene/foam/bean bag beans
* tyres and rims
* wood – processed e.g. treated pine, fence paling, untreated timber
* other non-recyclable items

Pre-sort free of charge items and different types of waste in your load – it helps with a quick drop off and may even save you money.

For a full list of accepted items, prices and items we don’t accept, visit: [www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/rrc](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/rrc)

Reuse Shop

Open 9am–3.30pm  
Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday

Closed Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and public holidays

Where possible, items brought to our Recycling & Recovery Centre that are in good condition and able to be re-used are donated to the on-site Reuse Shop. The shop is open to the public and run by the Green Wedge Christian Community.

Hard waste collection

Make use of your hard waste collection (two cubic metres) each financial year.

9433 3512  
[www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/hardwaste](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/hardwaste)

Composting and worm farms

Take part in Council’s composting and worm farm workshops and learn how to turn your kitchen and garden waste into rich organic soil.

Workshop dates and compost bin/worm farm purchase information: [www.edendale.vic.gov.au](http://www.edendale.vic.gov.au)

##### Things we don't accept and where to take them

**Hanson Landfill**Bridge Inn Road, Wollert  
9408 1299  
[www.hansonlandfill.com.au](http://www.hansonlandfill.com.au)

* asbestos (small quantities, charges apply)
* building/renovation rubble such as concrete, bricks, stone and tiles (charges apply)
* commercial quantities of waste – vehicles with more than 4.5 tonne capacity (charges apply)
* dirt, soil, sand and clay (charges apply)

**Banyule Waste Recovery Centre**Cnr Waterdale Rd and Banksia St, Bellfield  
9490 4222  
[www.banyule.vic.gov.au](http://www.banyule.vic.gov.au)

* empty gas bottles (no charge)
* paint (no charge)

**Darebin Resource Recovery Centre**Kurnai Avenue (off Henty Street), Reservoir  
9462 3455  
[www.darebin.vic.gov.au/resourcerecovery](http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/resourcerecovery)

* empty gas bottles (charges apply)
* paint (no charge)

**Hume Resource Recovery Centre**

Bolinda Road, Campbellfield  
9359 3813  
[www.hume.vic.gov.au](http://www.hume.vic.gov.au)

* chemicals – household, garden and automotive (no charge)
* empty gas bottles (no charge)
* paint (no charge)

**Yarra Ranges Transfer Station**

Cnr Ingram Road and Leonard Road, Coldstream  
9739 1227  
[www.yrrs.com.au](http://www.yrrs.com.au)

* empty BBQ gas bottles (charges apply)
* paint (no charge)

Sustainability Victoria collection program  
1300 363 744  
[www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome](http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome)

* chemicals – household and garden (no charge)
* fire extinguishers (no charge)
* fuels (no charge)

#### 2017-2018 Bin Collection Calendar

****GREEN WASTE (GREEN LID)****

* Collected weekly and turned into compost
* Food scraps – fruit, vegetables, dairy, bread, pasta, rice, meat, small bones, tea bags and coffee grounds (loose or wrapped in newspaper or paper towel)
* Garden materials – clippings, leaves, flowers, grass, small branches and weeds
* No plastic bags

RECYCLING (YELLOW LID)

* Collected fortnightly and recycled
* Loose hard plastics, glass bottles and jars, aluminium/steel cans and trays, foil, pots and pans, plastic toys and plant pots
* Loose cardboard, paper and cartons
* Bundled plastic bags and other flexible/soft plastics

GARBAGE (RED LID)

* Collected fortnightly and goes to landfill
* Broken pyrex, crockery, window glass, drinking glasses and mirror
* Silver-lined soft plastics
* Household rubbish, nappies, polystyrene and foam
* Your green waste bin is collected weekly on the same day as your recycling or garbage bin
* Due to the Christmas Day, New Year’s Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day public holidays, bins will be collected one day later for that day and the remainder of that week
* Place bins out by 6am on collection day
* Place bins half a metre apart, away from trees, power poles and cars
* Do not overfill your bin; the lid must be closed

Look out for green waste vouchers with your 2017-2018 rates notice

Cover: Stock up the pantry and fridge with a range of fresh produce available at one of Nillumbik’s great farmers’ markets.

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